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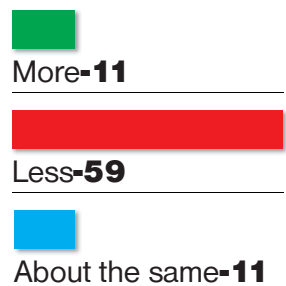
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REPORTER

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GOING GREEN

Tan Holdings Corp. in partnership with Joeten Group of Companies launched its 3R reusable shopping bag campaign last weekend. From left, Charles Cepeda, Cathy Cepeda, Tan Holdings president and CEO Jerry Tan, Rep. Ed Salas, the 3R mascot, and Salas' wife Nona. See story on Page 2 and photo gallery on Page 18

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Indian FM denies call to Pakistani president

By GAVIN RABINOWITZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's foreign minister denied Sunday that he had phoned Pakistan's president at the height of the Mumbai terrorist siege, prompting its air force to go on high alert, but Pakistani officials insisted he - or someone else in his

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AP

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, left, shakes hands with Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee, right, during a joint press conference following a meeting in New Delhi, India, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008.

Lawmaker wants to limit time anyone can serve as acting AG

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Legislation has been introduced to limit the time anyone can serve as acting attorney general in the Northern Marianas.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul sponsored the bill, which would prohibit an acting attorney general to occupy the position for 30 days without Senate approval. The

bill would also set a 90-day limit for an AG nominee to be confirmed by Senate.

Yumul's bill says the proposed amendment comes in the wake of recent events relating to the Office of the Attorney General.

Deputy attorney general Gregory Baka has led the AG's office in an acting ca-

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Tan Holdings goes green with Joeten

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Tan Holdings Corp. in partnership with Joeten Group of Companies launched its 3R reusable shopping bag campaign last weekend at the Azucena Room of Fiesta Report and Spa.

CEO and president Jerry Tan and vice president Dave Sablan led the kick-off for the campaign, which promotes the concept of reducing and reusing recyclable materials to all employees of Tan Holdings.

Representatives of Joeten and the Division of Environmental Quality were also present during the ceremonies.

The campaign encourages employees to use reusable bags instead of plastic bags. In fact, a specially-designed reusable canvas 3R tote bag is being distributed to all Tan Holdings employees. Each time they use the bag for a minimum purchase of just \$5 at any Joeten supermarket, they will get a raffle coupon.

Prizes will include a round-trip ticket to Manila, roundtrip ticket to Guam, and an overnight stay for two at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

Tan stressed the importance of seriously recognizing the

environment and how to contribute to protect it for the next generation to enjoy.

"It is one of the projects we have been putting much effort for several months. We are glad to do little things. It is not much we can do but we have to send a message to the community that we really care about the environment, after all this is our home," Tan said.

"We can encourage them to join us in this effort. This is the concern of everybody—family and friends. Collectively we can

make a difference," he said.

A video on global warming and climate change was shown to the employees who attended the launching, which also saw the debut of the campaign's 3R mascot.

Joeten representatives who were present included executive vice president Dennis Yoshimoto, head supervisor Lou Tiyan, wholesale manager J.J. Tenorio, corporate special project manager Bo Palacios, and Gemma Villanueva of the

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EMO warns of high surf this week

The CNMI Emergency Management Office issued a high surf advisory yesterday, warning the public of hazardous waters, particularly in north- and east-facing reefs.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan Guam, EMO said north to northeast swells generated by a series of storm systems have moved into the local area. These swells will generate high surf on north and east facing reefs of the Marianas through much of the week.

It said the public should expect hazardous surf of 10 to 12 feet today and the next few days.

The surf will remain hazardous at least through mid week and the high surf advisory was in effect until 6pm Thursday.

A high surf advisory means that hazardous surf and dangerous rip currents will affect north facing reefs. Expect hazardous surf of 10 to 12 feet along north facing reefs during the advisory period.

EMO strongly advises the public—especially fishermen, tour operators, divers and swimmers—to stay out of the water, or avoid venturing exposed beaches, especially along north facing reefs where rip currents will be life-threatening, while the advisory is in effect. (EMO)



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Sell-out crowd in Pacquiao-De La Hoya viewing

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Saipan World Resort and MCV Broadband reported a sell-out crowd in the Manny Pacquiao vs. Oscar De La Hoya fight pay per view live at the Royal Taga Hall and Red Box Sports Bar yesterday.

"This is the biggest ever in attendance," MCV Broadband system manager Mark Birmingham said after the match, which was won by Pacquiao via TKO in the 8th of a 12-round scheduled non-title fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Birmingham estimated the predominantly Filipino crowd to be about over 500 at the Royal Taga Hall with \$30 entrance fee and about 90 at the VIP Room at the Red Box Sports Bar, which charged \$50 that included a lunch buffet.

"We have a great crowd. This is our sixth fight and we did not experience any technical problems. We would like to thank our major sponsors, MARPAC, World Resort, Docomo, and Dial Rent To Own," Birmingham said.

World Resort banquet and restaurant manager Ronald Sanchez said they hope to have a bigger one next time.

One of those who watched at the VIP Room said it was a tense atmosphere.

"Pacquiao took all the rounds except for round three. But since the first round, Pacquiao gave all the punches," said Ben Taitaino.

Jojo Camacho of MARPAC said they like to do this again.

"We love Manny Pacquiao. Everybody enjoyed watching the fight," he said.

John Camacho of Summer Holiday said it was a great fight.

"I thought it will end in three

rounds but it lasted eight. It was all Pacquiao but still it was a great fight," he said.

Commenting on Pacquiao's victory, John Camacho said, speed did it for the Filipino champion.

"Aside from the speed, Pacquiao was aware how to counter De La Hoya's attack. But using speed as Pacquiao's offense, I think that put De la Hoya's in check," he said.

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One of the boxing fans who watched the Manny Pacquiao-Oscar de la Hoya non-title fight at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort yesterday raises both hands midway in the sixth round as the Filipino champion threw some of his powerful punches that put in check the pre-fight favorite Mexican.



Trade school to qualify for tax credits under bill

A lawmaker has introduced legislation that would extend the education tax credit program to a recently opened trade school on Saipan.

Under the bill sponsored by Rep. Justo Quitugua, donors to Marianas Trade Institute will be able to receive tax credits for their contributions.

The measure, according to the author, is necessary to help Marianas Trade Institute to create more programs and accommodate local students who wish to get vocational training.

"With the upcoming implementation of federal immigration law..., there is an imminent need to train the residents of the Commonwealth in the trades professions including

carpentry, masonry, painting, plumbing, electrical, etc.," says the bill.

"[T]he establishment of the Marianas Trade Institute is the first step to training such residents in the trades professions," it adds. "However, with limited resources, the Marianas Trade Institute cannot expand its programs and accommodate the many students eager to participate in such training."

The institutions currently covered by the tax credit program are Commonwealth Museum of History and Culture, Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities, Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. (Agnes E. Donato)

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Pearl Harbor commemoration to focus on US response

HONOLULU (AP)—With an eye on the immediate aftermath of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, thousands of World War II veterans and other observers are expected on Sunday to commemorate the 67th anniversary of the devastating Japanese military raid.

The theme of the event—"Pacific War Memories: The Heroic Response to Pearl Harbor"—is something of a departure from the past. Usually, the commemoration focuses on the attack on the USS Arizona, Pearl Harbor and several other installations on Oahu. But this year's remembrance ceremony will center more on the months following the raid, said Eileen Martinez, chief of interpretation for the National Park Service.

"We're moving into the Pacific War, the first strike back," she said.

To that end, one of two keynote speakers will be Thomas Griffin, a surviving member of the pilots and crew who answered the Pearl Harbor attack



In this Dec. 7, 1941 file photo, American ships burn during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

INDIAN

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ministry—had placed the call.

Pakistani Information Minister Sherry Rehman said President Asif Ali Zardari received a "threatening" call during the crisis that definitely came from India's External Affairs Ministry.

She did not explicitly say the call was from the foreign minister, Pranab Mukherjee, but two other government officials said it was from Mukherjee. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Pakistan's media first reported the phone call on Saturday but described it as a hoax.

The back-and-forth over the call underscores the dangers of the poor communication and deep mistrust between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Meanwhile, India's investigation into the attacks was running into similar theatrics, with security officials demanding the release of one of only two men arrested so far, saying he was actually a counterinsurgency police officer who may have been on an undercover mission.

Indian authorities believe the banned Pakistani-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which has links to the disputed Kashmir region, trained the gunmen and plotted the attacks that left 171 people dead after a three-day rampage through Mumbai that began Nov. 26.

On Saturday, Pakistan's Dawn newspaper reported the alleged phone hoax and said it prompted Pakistan to put its air force on high alert. A security official later said a man pretending to be Mukherjee had spoken in a "threatening manner."

"I had made no such telephone call," Mukherjee said in a statement Sunday, reacting for the first time to the reports.

But Rehman said in a statement the

call "was placed from a verified official phone number of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs."

Mukherjee said it was "worrying that a neighboring state might even consider acting on the basis of such a hoax call."

"I can only ascribe this series of events to those in Pakistan who wish to divert attention from the fact of an attack on India from Pakistani territory by elements in Pakistan," he said.

The statement said India found out about the call from another country—apparently from the U.S., which has been seeking to lower tensions—and had sent messages to Pakistan assuring it that no such call was made.

Pakistan says it has yet to see any proof of New Delhi's allegations that its citizens were involved in the Mumbai attacks, but is prepared to cooperate with India. It has denied any of its state agencies were involved, noting it too is a victim of terrorism.

In the investigation, senior police officers in Indian Kashmir, which has been at the heart of tensions between India and Pakistan, demanded the release of the arrested officer, Mukhtar Ahmed, saying Saturday he was one of their own and had been involved in infiltrating Kashmiri militant groups.

The arrests, announced in the eastern city of Calcutta, were the first since the bloody siege ended. But what was touted as a rare success for India's beleaguered law enforcement agencies quickly turned sour as police in two Indian regions squared off against one another.

The implications of Ahmed's involvement - that Indian agents may have been in touch with the militants and perhaps supplied the cell phone SIM cards used in the attacks—added to the growing list of questions over India's ill-trained security forces, which are widely blamed for not thwarting the

attacks.

Calcutta police said the other arrested suspect, Tauseef Rahman, bought the SIM cards by using fake documents, including identification cards of dead people. The cards contain user information and are needed for cell phones operating on GSM systems, the standard in most countries.

Rahman, of West Bengal state, later sold them to Ahmed, said Rajeev Kumar, a senior Calcutta police officer.

Both men were arrested Friday and charged with fraud and criminal conspiracy, Kumar said.

But the announcement had police in Srinagar, the main city in Indian-controlled Kashmir, fuming.

A senior officer said Calcutta police were told that Ahmed is "our man and it's now up to them how to facilitate his release." He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information. Other police officials in Kashmir supported his account.

The senior officer said Ahmed was a Special Police Officer, part of a semi-official counterinsurgency network whose members are usually drawn from former militants.

"Sometimes we use our men engaged in counterinsurgency ops to provide SIM cards to the (militant) outfits so that we track their plans down," said the officer.

Police said Ahmed was recruited to the force after his brother was killed five years ago, allegedly by Lashkar-e-Taiba militants for being a police informer.

About a dozen Islamic militant groups have been fighting in Kashmir since 1989, seeking independence from mainly Hindu India or a union with Muslim-majority Pakistan.

India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over the Himalayan region, which is divided between them and claimed by both.

statutory ambiguities concerning the capacity of an individual to serve as a *de facto* attorney general absent Senate confirmation. This judicial call to clarify the existing statutes has thus far been unheeded. It is the intent of the Legislature to address the issues concerning the appointments of individuals to the position of Attorney General as well as address those cases wherein one serves merely in an 'acting' capacity."

"acting appointments" may be necessary from time to time, "such appointees, who have not been nominated or appointed by the governor nor confirmed by the Senate, do not carry the same status as those who have been.... Significantly, a so-called 'acting attorney general' lacks the imprimatur of authority befitting the head of the Office of the Attorney General."

The purpose of the legislation, adds the bill, is "to remove perceived

four months later with an aircraft carrier-launched bomber raid on Tokyo.

The B-25 mission, led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle, inflicted little damage on Japan but boosted morale in America and led the embarrassed Japanese government to launch an ill-fated attack on Midway Island.

The other keynote address will be delivered by Admiral Robert F. Willard, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Sunday's commemoration will feature a performance by the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, morning colors, a Hawaiian blessing, a rifle salute by the U.S. Marine Corps and a recognition of

those who survived the attack.

At 7:55 a.m., when the attack began 67 years ago, a moment of silence will be observed. The destroyer USS Chung-Hoon will render honors to the USS Arizona, which still lies beneath the harbor with its dead.

Almost 2,400 Americans were killed and nearly 1,180 injured when Japanese fighters bombed and sank 12 naval vessels and heavily damaged nine others on Dec. 7, 1941. The Arizona, which sank in less than nine minutes after an armor-piercing bomb breached its deck and exploded in the ship's ammunition magazine, lost 1,177 sailors and marines. About 340 of its crew survived.

TAN

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purchasing department.

Yoshimoto said the bag is well-designed and very appropriate because of three reasons—it is good for the island because it reduces waste and it is reusable, it is a cost saving for the business, and the employees can enjoy the great deals.

DEQ was represented by Peter Houk and Frances Castro.

Also present were campaign model Cathy Sablan Cepeda and her husband Charles.

INCREASE

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Faisao said the *man'amko's* cost of living outpaces the COLA

"Even with the recent decreases on gasoline prices, we need to take into account that the Baby Boomers are expectedly living longer and their (*man'amko*) desires for independently making choices for a healthier future," Faisao said.

He said the 5.8 percent adjustments that would be in effect in 2009 would still be very hard to absorb for retirees on fixed incomes.

"In the CNMI, the Commodity Price Index is pegged at 14 percent since last increase and prices remains steadfastly intact. COLA's are in essence inad-

equate for competitive stage to protect the buying power of Social Security Benefits and Retirees, leaving a growing number of senior citizens to accumulate significant debt with some of the most aged and vulnerable, unable to pay off basic necessities such as power/water and mortgages," Faisao said.

In essence, he said, the *man'amko* are spending their money very differently than younger working people.

He said the elderly spend much more on health care costs, but have much more lower income to do so.

Faisao noted that the latest report from United States Department of Agriculture is that food prices are soaring and there is a possibility that the Part D Plan of the Medicare may have an increase in the range of 24 percent to 28 percent in 2009.

STUDENTS

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Under the budget, which now awaits the governor's action, PSS will get \$36.4 million, a huge drop from the \$38.2 million that education officials are requesting from the CNMI government.

In a report, the joint conference committee that drafted the budget bill said the proposed appropriation for PSS reflects the government's "great efforts to preserve the funding of education" amid dwindling government revenues.

The joint committee noted that the \$38.2 million proposal was calculated using an 18-percent employer contribution rate for the government pension program's defined benefit plan. The budget bill, on the other hand, applies a uniform contribution rate of 11 percent for all government agencies, thereby saving PSS \$1.7 million in personnel costs.

The committee also pointed out that the governor's proposal fully funded all JROTC instructors. It does not reflect the fact that the Department of Defense reimburses the personnel costs of these

instructors at a minimum of 50 percent to the various schools. Reimbursement to the CNMI's education system is estimated at \$196,000.

"This act removes the amount of appropriation from PSS' total budget that would have funded a non-existent cost," notes the committee, which is made up of Senate and House members.

According to the committee, the \$36.4 million appropriation for PSS, combined with PSS grants of approximately \$42.8 million from the federal government, exceed PSS' budget request of \$64 million.

"[The] joint conference committee concludes that the appropriation of \$36.38 million is sufficient in conjunction with other funding to meet or exceed the Public School System's proposed budget for FY2009, and that student learning will not be adversely impacted," the report states.

The budget bill exempts PSS from the proposed 10.7-percent budget cut against agencies funded by the central government. Teachers are also exempted from the government-wide salary and hiring freeze sought by the bill.

LAWMAKER

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capacity since late September, when former AG Matthew Gregory resigned. In October, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said he intended to appoint Baka to serve as AG on an official basis, but no formal nomination has been sent to the Senate for confirmation.

The bill states that while short-term

Smiling Cove Marina gets \$2M federal grant

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REPORTER

The Department of Land and Natural Resources has recently obtained a federal grant worth \$2 million that would improve the Smiling Cove Marina.

The grant would be implemented for a three-year period, which is distributed in the following breakdown:

- \$459,426 in 2009;
- \$572,850 in 2010; and
- \$572,850 in 2011.

However, Marina manager Roque Santos said it would depend on the progress of the project.

Santos explained that the budget was made available through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, which allows for the use of administrative

funds and cooperative grants to develop multi-state sport fish restoration projects.

The law is to conserve and restore America's sport fishery resources and provide enhanced fishing opportunities for the nation's anglers. In the Tax Reform Act of 1984, the amendments to the law created the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund and enlarged the original legislation from sport anglers to include the boating community, transferring federal motor boat fuel tax receipts, and import duties on pleasure boats and yachts into the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund.

The Fund was created with two accounts to serve two constituencies, namely the Boat Safety Account and the Sport Fish Restoration Account.

CNMI applied for a grant

from that account.

Santos explained that the objective of this grant is to restore the slips of the marina back to its original design.

The slips are the area where the boats are berthed (parked).

There are currently a total of 74 slips.

Santos said that the former manager of the Smiling Cove Marina cut portions of the original slipway with the purpose of generating more income.

The cut portions would be restored.

Santos said new materials would be used and these are guaranteed to last for 50 years.

The first construction of the marina was done 21 years ago.


The new materials to be installed, Santos, said are more ideal for salt water.



CLEANUP

The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps of Marianas High School conducts a clean-up drive outside the campus perimeter fence last week. JROTC instructor SFC Pedro Gloria led them later to Killili Beach where they continued their activity.

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Students perform well in Swan Lake ballet

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Three-year-old Kalista McDonald says she wants to join again next time.

Another 3-year-old girl, Samaya Castro, joined her elder sister Maiana, who both enjoyed their first experience performing in the Swan Lake Ballet and Concert of International Ballet Stars '08.

For 9-year-old Brilliant Star student Sakura Ima, "it was just fine."

"I'm great," McDonald says proudly as she giggled and attends to her lollipop but the show has not even finish yet.

Her proud mother Karen was all smiles and scenes like this marked the *Swan Lake* Ballet and Concert of International Ballet Stars '08 at the Palms Resort Saipan on the second night of the show last

Saturday, Dec. 6.

The young McDonald, Castro, and Ima were just some of the 50 students of Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts who showcased their talents.

They performed in P.I. Tchaikovsky "Gallope." Other classics featured were Quartet, Waltz, Swans, Dance of the Little Swans and Big Swans.

Choreographer, director, and mistress of ceremony Anna Glushko said the show drew a lot of positive comments from the audience.

"The kids have a beautiful experience. They all did a great job. This is the best performance so far," Glushko said.

The students joined Russian couple and professional ballet dancers from Ekaterinburg Ballet Theater, Margarita Rudina (who played the role of Odette/Odile) and Alexey Nasadivich



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The ballet dancers gathered for a photo session shortly after their second and final night performing in the Swan Lake Ballet and Concert of International Ballet Stars '08 last Saturday at the Palms Resort Saipan.

(Prince Sigrifed), in the two-hour spectacular display of artistic skills.

The Russian couple per-

formed in Adagio from ballet "Sheherazade" and Pas de deux from ballet "Talisman."

Helen Ann Butcher played the role of Queen and David Bucher (Von Robart).

Two professional ballet dancers from the Ywan Ballet Theater of Korea—Kim Yu Na and Kang Tae Yung—also contributed to the overall success of the show with their world-class style.

"We are very delighted. The students have grown up in the past year. We will continue to teach them and improve their skills," Glushko said.

Usually, she said, it takes about 8-10 years for anyone to become good in ballet dancing.

Also in the show were students from the Ko Eun Kyung ballet Academy of Korea that included Choi Seo Yun, Han Jae Hee, Kim Eun Hye, Kim Hyo Ran, Kim Su Yeon, Kim Su Yun, Kim Taek Jung, Lee Da Yeon, Lee Hee Ju, Lee Woo Sun, and Park So Yun.

Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts offers classes in ballet for all ages, three years and above.

It also teaches classes in jazz, hip-hop and modern dance for

children ages 7-12 as well as dance aerobic and fitness class for adults.

The show was co-sponsored by UMDA and Palms Resort Saipan, Northwest Airlines, Tan Holdings Corp., Saipan Grand Hotel, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, *Saipan Tribune*, Shirley's Coffee Shop, Joeten Group of Companies, Coffee Care, 360 Restaurant, County House Restaurant, Marianas Resort and Spa, Pacific Islands Club, Salty Dog, Saipan Riviera Hotel, Pacific Trading Company, McDonald's, and Subway.

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The Marianas Cultural Diversity

"Melting Pot or Salad Bowl?"

December 11, 2008 • 6:30pm-8:30pm
American Memorial Park Auditorium
Lecturer: Dr. Robert Underwood,
President University of Guam
Free Admission

Join Dr. Robert Underwood in a lively discussion about whether the cultural groups in the Marianas are truly melting together (as has been boasted through various marketing and promotional literature) or if they exist separately and within their own subgroups, like the ingredients of a salad bowl.

The community and representatives of local cultural associations and organizations are invited to share their perspectives and experiences after the lecture. Student cultural groups from the local high schools are also invited to participate to share their views.

The event will be streamed live on the internet at www.wethepeoplecnmi.com. For more information please email taroleafgroup@gmail.com.

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December 1 - 31, 2008

Government Employees and eligible Retirees may apply for enrollment for themselves and their Dependents, or change their benefit and enrollment options in the Health Insurance Program during the month of December. Orientation shall be held from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 9, and from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. **There will also be a Public Meeting from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Multi-Purpose Center. The representative from AETNA Global Benefits will be available at these times to respond to questions about the government's health insurance coverage.**

/s/ MARK AGUON, Administrator

Christmas Tree decoration competition draws 13 schools

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The first two days of the month-long Christmas activities at Paseo De Marianas in Garapan drew its biggest crowd ever.

On its opening day on Wednesday, Dec. 3, a total of 13 schools participated in the Christmas Tree decoration contest.

Not only the students themselves exerted effort to complete their entries but also their teachers were there to provide the concept.

The judging was done on the second day on Thursday, Dec. 4, while the awarding ceremony will be on Dec. 18.

Also on Thursday, organizers turned on the lights of the giant Christmas Tree that has been a traditional part of the fun and activities. RNV Construction donated the giant Christmas Tree this year.

Each school used recyclable materials, such as styro-foam, pet bottles, tin cans, aluminum foil, and other plastic materials, to decorate their Christmas Tree.

Misako Kamata, chief ex-

NMC staff elect representatives

Staff members of the Northern Marianas College recently elected nine employees to its Staff Senate. The newly elected staff senate members include Elena Hofschneider (Finance), Randall Nelson (Student Services), Joyce Taro (Academic Programs), John Manalo (Community Programs), Sue Palacios and Isabel Sablan (Office of the President), Jack Kiyoshi (Human Resources), Clarice DLG. Arriola (TRIO Student Support Services) and James Santos (Information Technology). Joyce Taro was also elected as the president of the Staff Senate.

The NMC Staff Senate, which serves as the official representative body of all staff members, participates in maintaining the integrity of the operation and academic processes at the college. The Senate also assists in determining needs, initiating and developing policies and mandates, and reviewing politics on administrative matters affecting the welfare of the college.

"The Staff Senate plays an integral role in the decisions that are made at the College," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "I am highly confident in the abilities of all the new Senate members and look forward to working closely with them to further enhance the services we provide to our students."

In addition to the Staff Senate, other governance council at the College include the Planning, Budget, and Evaluation Council (PBEC); College Council; Academic Council; Faculty Senate; and the Associated Students of NMC (ASNMC). (NMC)



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One of the entries in the annual Christmas Tree decoration contest is shown in this photo.

executive officer and director of the organizing PDM Promoters Inc., said they are happy for the big turnout.

"This is so amazing. We thank all the participants for their efforts. We also invite the public to visit this place. It's a beautiful way of welcoming the Christmas holidays," she said.

PDM is a non-profit corporation aimed to make Paseo de

Marianas and the Garapan vicinity back to a family oriented place and safe and clean for tourist and the local community.

Card drawings by students from Rota and Tinian were also posted in boards and in full view of the visitors to the area.

The participating schools in order of their entry number are San Antonio Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School,

Grace Christian Academy, Tanapag Elementary School, Saipan Community School, Oleai Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Dandan Elementary School, Joshua Generation International, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, and Ladera International School of Saipan.

The first prize winner will win \$3,000 and consolation prize is \$500. Both are sponsored by the Tax Education Credit Program.

The event is in close coordination with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and other government agencies and schools and private groups.

For the first time, strong participation from tourists will be part of the event.

A red ribbon would be provided to each tourist, who will make a wish and tie it to the Christmas Tree, starting Dec. 4 to Jan. 6.

Building owners along the PDM have volunteered to put up Christmas lights in front of their establishments.

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Pursuant to local and federal public health guidelines you are required to obtain an eye exam prior to December 31st of each year. Failure to do so may result in serious consequences including loss of vision and permanent blindness.

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Floor leader repeats call for a unified power plan

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House Floor Leader Joseph James N. Camacho has repeated calls for the Commonwealth to craft a unified plan to address its power problems.

Camacho's statement follows his recent trip with Delegate-elect Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan to Washington, D.C. During their visit, the two met with Office of Insular Affairs director Nikolao Pula and other OIA officials.

In a news release, Camacho said the U.S. government reaffirmed its willingness to help the CNMI solve its power crisis through the reprogramming of federal funds. "The only thing required from the CNMI is for the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Governor to come up with a plan. What is needed is a unified workable plan to provide affordable and reliable power to the people of the CNMI," said Camacho.

He said the plan should address the Commonwealth's reliance on fossil fuel, the management of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and the state of the engines at the power plant.

In August this year, Senate President Pete P. Reyes, House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, and Rep. Diego T. Benavente, chairman of the House Standing Committee on Federal and Foreign Relations, traveled to Washington, D.C. to discuss CUC's problems with acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior Doug Domenech, Pula, and other OIA officials.

The power problem was also the main agenda item for Pula's visit to Saipan in September. During that trip, Pula said the power crisis is on top of OIA's priority list for the

Northern Marianas. He urged the local leaders to focus on finding long-term solutions to the problem.

According to CUC executive director Antonio Muna, CUC is eyeing a "Guam model" for power generation in the near future that involves transferring the management of Saipan's electrical system from the government to a private company.

Since Saipan has emergency generators, he has said, the next step is to overhaul engines at the local power plant to stabilize Saipan's supply of electricity. Later, the government plans to seek an independent power producer who can take control of power generation on the island. Further into the future, said Muna, the CNMI will see a blend of electricity from fossil fuels along with solar and wind energy.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

December 8, 1998

Bond tied to airport fees

A financial analysis conducted by an Ohio-based consultancy firm revealed that the Commonwealth Ports Authority would have to raise the airline landing fee and facilities service charge by mid-1999 to be able to meet debt service of the \$35 million 1998 revenue bonds. The study which included projections in air traffic was conducted by Ricondo & Associates, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the CPA 1998 airport and seaport bonds. Due to the significant decrease in traffic to the CNMI as a result of Asia's financial crisis, "it is necessary to increase aviation fees and charges," the study said. Airline cost per enplanement is estimated to increase to a high of \$11.94 in fiscal year 2000 from \$9.21 in fiscal year 1998 because of low projection of enplanements until the year 2000, increase in debt service and projected additional operating expenses.

Reyes prefers shortened working time over pay cuts

The chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee yesterday cautioned the administration against a proposal to cut salary of the 5,000-strong government work force because of its potential impact on personal expenses. Rep. Karl T. Reyes said government payroll should be pared down only through reduction of work hours of its personnel where substantial savings can be made to meet shortfall in the fiscal budget estimated to reach at least \$32.5 million by September next year. About 75 percent of the 1999 spending level - equivalent to around \$189 million - are allocated to pay the salary of civil service employees and those under government contract. At nearly 5,000, the government is the biggest single employer on the island.

December 8, 1999

Oversight eyed on Saipan power plant

Lawmakers intend to get involved deeply into the controversial new power plant for Saipan with calls for oversight investigation and a legislative policy declaring the need for such a project amid attempt by Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to scale back the initial plan. House Speaker Diego T. Benavente yesterday raised the possibility of investigating into the project, saying the move to scrap the 80-megawatt will only damage the credibility of the CNMI government. Likewise, the Senate passed unanimously during yesterday's session a measure forbidding CUC to downsize the project as well as supporting a phased implementation of the original plan drawn up four years ago.

OPA asked to probe BDC

Commonwealth Development Authority Board Chair John S. Tenorio yesterday said he will ask the Office of the Public Auditor to look into how public funds were used by the Northern Marianas College's Business Development Center amid allegations of mismanagement. According to Mr. Tenorio, CDA is not satisfied with the way BDC has run the graduate internship program, which gets an annual funding from his office. This has led CDA to terminate the grant agreement with NMC-BDC this year which resulted in the loss of some \$93,000 funding this year for the Center. "We want to know how the funds were used once and for all. An audit will definitely help clarify things which we believe needs to be explained," he said. BDC's main task is to help local businesses in drafting marketing analysis, secure loans from the bank and draw up feasibility proposals.

December 8, 2000

Cabrera guilty verdict upheld

Former Finance Secretary Antonio R. Cabrera lost his fight to reverse his conviction on corruption charges after U.S. District Judge Alex R. Munson yesterday upheld the guilty verdict returned by a jury. His motion seeking a judgment of acquittal on two charges was rejected following a 30-minute hearing in the federal court during which defense lawyer Joseph A. Arriola vainly argued the case on his behalf. Judge Munson said the jury had weighed the evidence presented at the trial last October and came up with a verdict that satisfied elements of the crime.

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Sign the CNMI budget already

Since the fiscal year ended on Sept. 30, 2008, the *Saipan Tribune* has kept a running count on the number of days the CNMI government has been operating without a budget. On Thursday last week, with the count standing at 65 days, the Legislature finally adopted a \$165.4 million compromise spending plan that, among other things, offers proportionate budget cuts, priority for essential services, controls against unnecessary hiring, and reporting requirements for the Department of Finance.

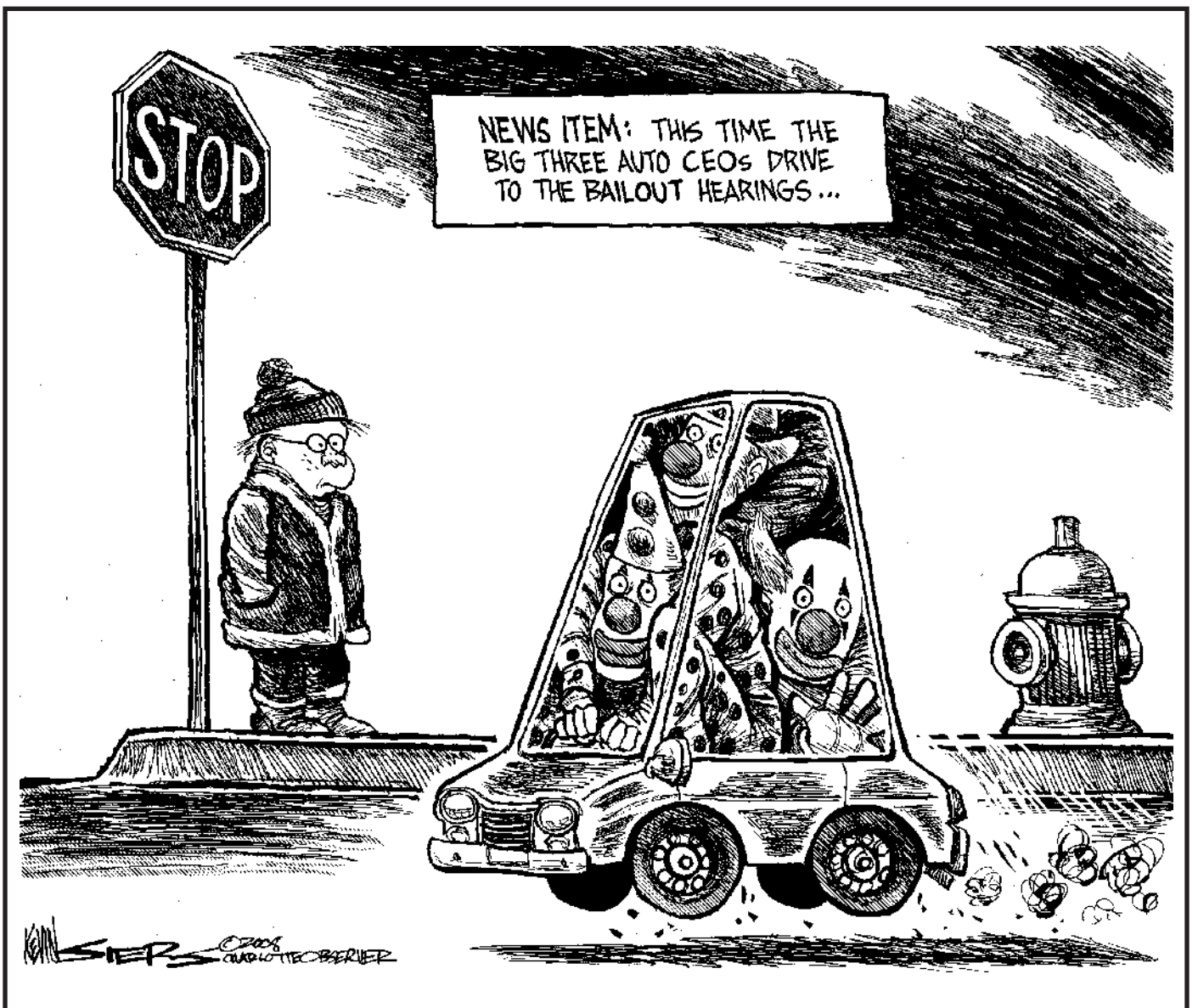
The bill's passage at the Legislature came even as the government reported a deficit of \$18.1 million in fiscal year 2008. According to a report by Finance Secretary Eloy S. Inos to the House of Representatives, the CNMI government incurred the deficit after earning \$4.5 million less than expected, and spending \$13.6 million more than continuing appropriations. This means that, because of failure to pass a budget for fiscal year 2008, the government spent at the prior year's level of \$160.1 million, collected only \$155.6 million, and spent \$173.7 million.

This is what comes of operating on "continuing resolution"—spending according to the limits and projections set in the last passed budget. The problem was not only the failure of both the Legislature and the Executive Branch to pass a workable budget. Rather, the old spending plan was based on outdated revenue projections that were bigger than the actual amount of funds coming in. We were spending beyond our means and creating a deeper hole with which to bury ourselves in.

Last Thursday's passage of a spending plan for the current fiscal year is a step in the right direction, creating a blueprint of how much we can afford and providing the tools necessary for a fiscally responsible way of running the government. The bill is not perfect (Rep. Victor Hocog said as much), nor does it reflect everybody's wants and needs, but it is realistic and makes a serious effort to balance the government's expected expenses and its projected earnings for the current fiscal year. In a time of such dire want as we are all in right now, this is the best of what our lawmakers could come up with and this is something that we have to live with for good or ill.

Today, the *Saipan Tribune's* count on the number of days the CNMI government has been running without a budget stands at 69. Let's not wait for that number to go even higher. We urge Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to sign the bill into law to align the ship of state with fiscally prudent ways of running the government, creating the lodestone with which he will steer the Commonwealth toward getting the economy back on track.

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The sky is falling! The sky is falling!

It seems that one day while Chicken Little was walking under a tree, an acorn fell on his head. Immediately he thought to himself: "The sky is falling down. I must hurry and tell the king." Along the way he met some friends named Henny Penny, Ducky Lucky, Goosey Loosey, and Turkey Lurkey.

They became as excited as he when he told them that the sky was falling down. As they proceeded to the king's palace, they met a villain named Foxy Loxy. As Foxy heard the story from the excited group, he suggested a short cut to the king's palace. Being gullible little farm animals, they followed the fox to his cave and were never heard of again.

Another version has it that they did finally get to see the king. After examining the acorn that fell on Chicken Little's head, the king told them that the sky was not falling. It was just an acorn. With these words of assurance, they returned home happy. Which version do you prefer?

All of us have read this story perhaps in pre-school and have enjoyed it. But what we have forgotten is that the story about Chicken Little is a story for teaching "courage." Don't be a "chicken little." Don't be afraid! The sky is not falling. The chicken jumped to a conclusion and whipped up the populace into mass hysteria which the unscrupulous fox used to manipulate them for his own benefit, perhaps as supper.

This story has passed into the English language as a common idiom indicating a hysterical or mistaken belief—that disaster is imminent. It could also be interpreted as a cautionary political tale.

Everyone is talking about the Malcolm D. McPhee & Associates and Dick Conway report. Basically it states that we are about to sink deeper into the lagoon come June, 2009, and perhaps totally sink by December 31, 2014. The only hope it offers is a lifejacket handed to us from the United States government by maintaining the status quo and requesting millions of dollars more.

Read the report. It is 96 pages long. It sounds so depressing and hopeless. The only salvation is for the United States to do exactly what we want them to do. We must beg them to keep feeding and pampering us as though we are a bunch of helpless idiots that cannot do anything for ourselves. What a defeatist conclusion!

If what the report says is true, why don't we take action to change the events? We still have time. If we don't want to happen what the report predicts, don't we have the will and courage to improve? The question is: "Where is our will and courage?" Where is our pride and determination in all of this?

I don't think I know better than the writers of the report. I don't. What the report explains is basically factual. But after reading it, I

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felt so helpless. It is so negative. It never discusses what we can do to help ourselves. It keeps suggesting that we need more outside help. Haven't we always thought and acted that way? The report simply keeps saying that we need more time—more money. It doesn't suggest that we begin making plans and create opportunities to begin improving ourselves. Instead we are acting as Chicken Little when he thought the sky was falling.

We are neither helpless nor hopeless. We can and must help ourselves! If we get off our butts (excuses) and start creating our own salvation, we can better the situation or at least show the powers that

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Letters to the Editor

Mournful memories of moments in Mumbai

A former Art professor at the University of Maryland and his daughter were dining when the raid on the Oberoi Hotel and the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower Hotel, took place. The Scherrs would be two of the almost 200 fatalities of a coordinated assault on the city of Mumbai late November 2008. The father-and-daughter diners ironically were in India on a spiritual journey, attending to the disciplines and practices of attaining internal stillness as a point of equanimity in a chaotic world.

It was in the summer of '78 that I embarked on a journey from Chicago to Mumbai to attend an experiment in training massive village level workers in effecting broad-based rapid human development. They called it *Nava Gram Prayas*, and it centered in the village of Maliwada near Aurangabad in the State of Maharashtra. In Maliwada where the *Haridjans* (untouchables) were still clearly unwelcomed around the communal well, the task of genuine leveled-playing-field democracy was being attempted.

I was at the time in a Quixotic attempt also to turn the Marcos of the Philippine's stated policy of guided democracy towards serving the cause of *barangay* village level movement for self-sufficiency and self-determination. Similar efforts were being done by colleagues in the *Harambe* movement in the African continent, a *Saemul Undong* movement in Korea, *Desariyo Humano* in Sud America, and a critical mass drive in participatory democracy in the United States following one-day Town Meetings during the bicentennial celebration. The late '70s lent itself to efforts of this nature like the micro-credit service of what in 1983 would be formally organized as Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. Some efforts were intentionally coordinated while others sprang out of the human impulse to decide one's own destiny.

A father-and-son team, the father well into his 80s who also figured in the Maliwada comprehensive human development effort, and was finally making his last *adieu* to the Subcontinent, was also at the Oberoi as part of the Scherr's group. The Canadian Globe and Mail carried his picture in a wheelchair coming out of the Oberoi, and in a video report after the four-day siege. It was then that I got flung back deep into memory lane.

Bombay (before its name got phonetically retranslated closer to Mumbai) has always been India's primary commercial center so I was not prepared in the '70s to be confronted by India's poverty-stricken massive population in that city. I had read about government workers picking up corpses from the sidewalks in Mother Teresa's Kolkota but I did not expect to see that in the commercial glitter of Mumbai. From the airport to town, I would witness a caravan of ox-carts moving a homeless population of some 15,000, who would camp where there are open spaces in the outskirts of the city, and where the animals could graze for a week or so, until the place become so barren that it could no longer sustain any further animal life, let alone, human existence.

Billeted down Sankli Rd. in Byculla where Christian Aid agencies were located, I was within striking distance to the Central Train Station where I caught one of the famously dependable iron horses left by the British Empire that offered express as well as milk-run accommodations in its intricate rail system. This late November 2008 day, the Central station would be one of 10 locations attacked by the yet-to-be-fully identified assault group that had marred the devel-

oping tranquility and equilibrium of a world just recently buoyed by the equanimous ethos emerging from the Obama ascendancy in U.S. American politics.

One of the fallacies that the newly initiated to any country generally holds is the picture of homogeneity of a nation just because it has attained some form of unity. Unity is particularly untrue to those where oneness were previously politically imposed. Such was the case with India, as it is also true for those who see the United States, or China, for example, as not only perceivably but actually "one people." They aren't, and even as tiny a community as Saipan is, it is a futile exercise to even pretend that it can be "one people." Not in the global village, and definitely not under the aegis of the American Empire.

Mumbai in the late '70s was a city of contradictions, as I am sure, it still is. It was clearly not culturally a homogenous entity, and the disparity between the haves and the have-nots was just too overwhelming to even pretend of a political and economic stability. The area around the Oberoi and the Taj where the Gateway to India commemorating King George V and Queen Mary's visit in 1911, is dotted with gated communities and homes of former Maharajah's and the nouveau riche whose penthouses are found from Vancouver to Shanghai, Montreal to Rio, Madrid to Johannesburg, and points in between. The nation that seemingly houses the most destitute of the world's poor, is also home to the richest emerald-wearing Rajas and Ranees of the realm, whose assets are seemingly limitless, and whose manicures/pedicures are flawless!

I survived two months in the shadows of the famed Ellora and Ajanta Caves in central Maharashtra, though with the assistance of two litres of Glenn-something single malt whiskey from Scotland and two cartoons of DFS red Dunhills. Blood shot eyes from lack of sleep, having struggled with a curriculum that naively assumed altruism among the enthusiastic young villagers out to eke out their survival, and having gotten scared to wet my pants after a not-so-funny encounter with a stuffed cobra in the dark, I was at the abysmal verge of cynicism and despair (it did not help that I was in Rome on my way to India when Paul VI brought the Cardinal's flame to the Vatican, and the newly chosen smiling John Paul I would last barely 33 days before his suspicious demise) when a young colleague took me to a Maliwada village celebration where Gandhi's *Raghupati* hymn was chanted, and where the ubiquitous sound of the "OM" was simultaneously inhaled and exhaled, signifying the

determination of a people to take upon themselves anything that comes its way, anything from anywhere!

I had this picture of a skirted (sarong/sari) Hindu men and women, standing tall in the flatlands of the Deccan plateau, facing the coldness of the Himalayas of the north, the arid winds of the west and the Arabian Gulf, the humid hurricanes from the east and the Bay of Bengal, and the moist rainforest fungi of the south, beckoning one and all to "bring it on," affirming their capacity and ability to "take them on" together and at once.

I would walk out of India with this attitude, and symbolized it with a trip to the AMEX office by the harbor. Holding my last \$50 traveler's cheque, I went to cash it amidst well-coiffed customers holding bundles of Marks, Francs, Pounds and Sterlings. Taking my meager rupees, I walked to the Taj and bought myself a hamburger lunch (meat consumption at the village was limited to mut-ton as even chicken was in short supply, and, of course, beef was sacrosanct) at five-star hotel price, just to indicate to myself that I was not going to be a victim of my external situation. OM!

Seven years later, I would stare down the muzzle of M-16s as a military squad would raid a training center I was directing in Mactan Island on suspicion of harboring insurgents to Mr. Marcos' martial law. This time, my pants stayed dry. Previously, I shed tears to the senseless killing of a former medical student who went underground and was found in Toril, Davao. I would lament the half of the villagers who took some methods training in mobilizing villages up in Langub, Davao City who would be "salvaged," an extra-judicial killing that remains a practice in Pea Eye to this day.

My elderly friend in a wheel chair at the Oberoi late November 2008, who greeted well-wishers simply with "My, my, my!" and a smile, I am sure had underneath his breath the primordial formation of the fundamental human sound, "OM." And I this mournful Monday in Saipan, who 30 years ago when my life style took a radical paradigm shift in the streets of Mumbai, chant my *Raghupati* and quietly utter my "OM" as I lift up in prayer the casualties in this recent incident of humankind's recent inhumanity to its kind, and even as Unity March participants in Saipan continue to confess that this may be the season of the Christ, but their lives inexplicably remain crucified. OM!

Jaime Vergara
via e-mail

Re: Lease of public land adjacent to PIC

The Department of Public Lands has been receiving inquiries whether certain individuals has a valid lease for the public land adjacent to PIC in San Antonio.

After the revocation of KSA Corporation's lease this year, the public land is wide opened for other prospective investors. If you are an interested investor(s) of substance and stature, please visit the DPL directly for concrete answers. The island reeks with Land Sharks who lie to real investors for a hefty fee then disappear into the sunset. Do not be fooled by these Land Sharks.

I have several names to verify and if you're one of them, please cease and desist from risking investigation and prosecution.

If per chance you meet someone claiming to be a lessee, please report this person to the Department of Public Lands at 234-3751. We will forward it to the AG's Office for immediate investigation and prosecution.

John S. DelRosario Jr.
Department of Public Lands
Secretary

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be that we have changed for the better. By developing our skills and our resources, we can create industries on our own instead of pleading for more outside investments from which we receive only tax money to feed government employees. Those profits rarely flow down to you and me.

Is the U.S. supposed to give in to the same people who created the situation we find ourselves in? When are we going to change and realize that today's CNMI has not adapted to the modern era? The CNMI is so interdependent on the rest of the world. We are not in isolation any more. We are no longer a cute Pacific island as was shown in the movies when I was growing up. We are a modern state and must act as one. Our thinking must change accordingly.

We seem to have forgotten two of the three immutable laws of motion as stated by Sir Isaac Newton: Every object set in motion moves in a straight line and continues in motion unless acted upon it by an outside Force; For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. These two principals have been our line of direction. Or simply put: "As you sow, so shall you reap!" And now the reaction is setting in and the harvest is coming in.

We don't want to raise the minimum wages. We don't want to

educate our people to work. It is much easier to bring in cheap guest workers. Let's seek outside investors. They will bring in money. We don't want to take responsibility for our own development. We want to continue the way we have been doing for a long time regardless of its consequences. We want to maintain the status quo. More handouts! More false pride!

We are dismayed that investors are not flocking to our islands. But we fail to realize how shabbily we have treated the ones that have left and how we continue to treat the ones that are enduring here.

The investors still here cannot earn a decent return on their investment, yet we want more new ones. For what reason?

Currently we have enough hotel rooms to accommodate about 700,000 plus tourists annually. Yet how many of the rooms are filled? What is the daily occupancy rate? Why are we begging for more hotels when we cannot fill the ones we have now? Talk to any hotel operator and ask his room occupancy. Seek the real reasons why airlines don't want to fly here.

Most of our small businesses are owned and operated by outsiders. Why is that? True that most of us have never been trained or motivated to be business owners in the past. But that has to change or we will continue to be overpowered by outside forces. When are we going to become the small business owners we should be?

I am not saying that we are not headed for big problems. But what plans are we making to soften the blows? We still have time. Are we truly that weak and dependent on outsiders for our daily

bread? If so, I feel sad that we have become emasculated and a nation of whiners.

I am reminded of the words of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States:

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget that errand."

Remember our record in life will always match our service! My fellow citizens and Americans, let us rise up to meet any challenge. Let us screw up our courage and work hard to resolve this situation. Seek the new opportunities Federalization offers us. We have diamonds under our feet. Pick them up and build a new life. The time has come for us to become truly independent and free after so many years of dependency. The sky is not falling.






The new changes will be opening new horizons. Parade forth our courage. What seems scary and uncertain now is simply a transitional stage. Don't look down. Don't be a Chicken Little! Don't turn your back on it. Don't run away from it.

Look up and stretch out for our dreams! They can be ours when we reach out hard. I am! Let's stretch together! Let's have faith in ourselves. We are a blessed nation with bountiful fruits. Tomorrow is a new bright future. Bless it! Embrace it!

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Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲86 ▼75
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Showers	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲89 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼78
Majuro	Showers	▲83 ▼77

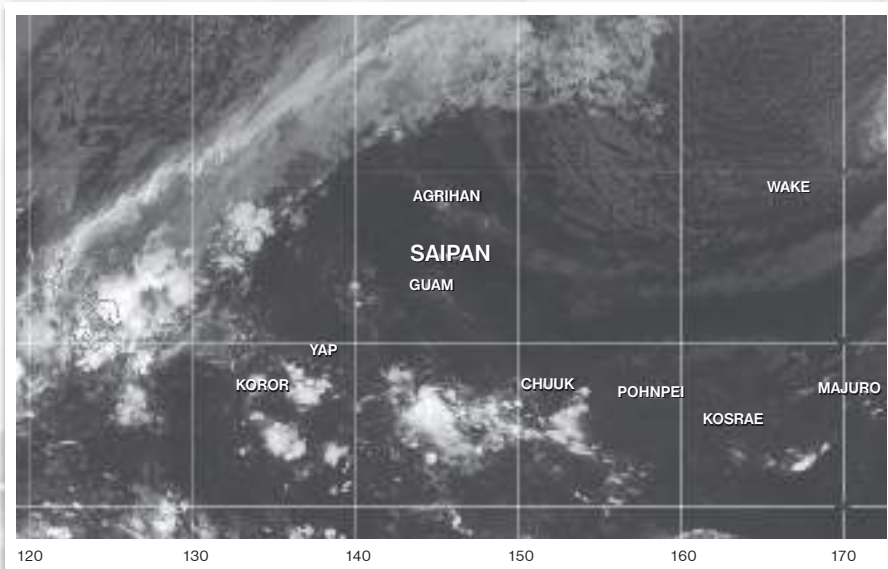
Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲73 ▼64
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲39 ▼28
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲68 ▼56
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲81 ▼67
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲44 ▼33
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲70 ▼52
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼72
Melbourne	Sunny	▲72 ▼63
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲74 ▼67
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲37 ▼28
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲48 ▼40
Paris	Cloudy	▲40 ▼33
Pusan	Showers	▲50 ▼36
Rome	Sunny	▲50 ▼27
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲48 ▼37
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲61 ▼49
Seoul	Showers	▲46 ▼28
Tokyo	Partly Sunny	▲51 ▼42
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲43 ▼30

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
3:35AM Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:58AM Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
3:20PM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
10:31PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 2008

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends northeastward from 14N130E to 23N140E then continues as a trough beyond 25N141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along and out to 200 miles northwest of shear line and trough. A surface low is centered at 23N172E. An occluded front extends from the low to 25N173E then continues as a cold front southwestward to 17N170E to 15N165E then extending westward as a shear line through the Northern Marianas at 17N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along and out to 100 miles of the low and out to 150 miles northwest of the cold front. Scattered showers are found along and out to 50 miles north of shear line. Surface troughs embedded within trade flow are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Chuuk between 2N and 8N from 143E to 151E and west of Pohnpei within 70 miles of a point at 6N155E. Scattered trade-wind showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Majuro between 3N and 8N east of 177E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:31AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:32AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:32AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:33AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:33AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:42PM	1:36 AM
Tuesday	2:26PM	2:32 AM
Wednesday	3:15PM	3:31 AM
Thursday	4:11PM	4:36 AM
Friday	5:14PM	5:44 AM

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DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
Saipan-Rota CO9597 11:50am 12:25pm 1,7	Rota-Saipan CO 9598 3:25am 4:00am 5,6
Saipan-Guam CO9317 5:00am 5:50am Daily CO9313 8:30am 9:20am Daily CO9597 11:50am 1:20pm 1,7 via Rota CO9601 12:30pm 1:20pm 2,3,4,5,6 CO9603 3:30pm 4:20pm Daily CO9605 6:30pm 7:20pm Daily CO9599 9:30pm 10:20pm Daily	Guam-Saipan CO 9316 2:30am 3:20am 1,2,3,4,7 CO9598 2:30am 4:00am 5,6 via Rota CO9596 7:00am 7:50am Daily CO9600 10:20am 11:10am Daily CO9602 2:00pm 2:50pm Daily CO9604 5:00pm 5:50pm Daily CO9606 8:00pm 8:50pm Daily
Saipan-Narita NW 099 5:00am 7:40am Daily NW 078 8:25am 1:30pm 2,3,4,5,6,7 NW 075 4:55pm 7:30pm Daily	Narita-Saipan NW 076 10:15am 2:40pm Daily NW 077 6:25pm 1:25am+1 2,3,4,5,6,7 NW 100 8:45pm 1:15am+1 Daily
Saipan-Osaka NW 083 4:30pm 7:20pm Daily	Osaka-Saipan NW 084 10:40am 3:10pm Daily
Saipan-Nagoya NW 078 8:25am 11:05am Daily	Nagoya-Saipan NW 077 9:00pm 1:25am+1 Daily
Saipan-Incheon OZ 604 2:10am 6:00am 1 OZ 604 2:40am 6:30am 2,3,4,5,6,7 OZ 606 3:20pm 7:00pm Daily	Incheon-Saipan OZ 605 9:00am 2:20pm Daily OZ 603 7:40pm 1:00am+1 7 OZ 603 8:10pm 1:30am+1 1,2,3,4,5,6
Saipan-Busan OZ 608 3:50am 7:20am 1,4,5,7	Busan-Saipan OZ 607 9:30pm 2:40am+1 3,4,6,7
Saipan-Shanghai FM 844 2:50am 5:40am 2,6	Shanghai-Saipan FM 843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1,5
Rota-Guam CO 9597 12:50pm 1:20pm 1,7	Guam-Rota CO 9598 2:30am 3:00am 5,6
Guam-Manila CO 893 5:50pm 9:10pm 3,5 via Koror CO 933 8:00pm 9:40pm Daily PR 111 6:00am 7:50am 1,2,4,6,7	Manila-Guam CO 892 10:10pm 5:30am+1 3,5 via Koror CO 934 11:10pm 4:40am+1 Daily PR 110 10:10pm 4:00am+1 1,3,5,6,7
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100 7:00am 7:30am Daily				FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100 7:50am 8:20am Daily				FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:00am 9:30am Daily				FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:50am 10:15am Daily				Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300 4:00pm 4:30pm Daily				FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300 4:50pm 5:25pm Daily				FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400 6:00pm 6:30pm Daily				FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400 6:45pm 7:15pm Daily				FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101 6:45am 6:55am Daily				FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103 7:30am 7:40am Daily				FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105 8:00am 8:10am Daily				FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107 8:40am 8:50am Daily				FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109* 9:10am 9:20am Daily							
FRE 111* 10:45am 10:55am Daily							



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Business

With time short, Congress tries to seal auto deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Racing to seal a deal with the White House, Democratic congressional leaders dispatched aides Saturday to draft an emergency \$15 billion aid package to pull Detroit’s Big Three automakers from the brink of collapse.

Capitol Hill leaders prepared to sell yet another bailout to a skeptical Congress. It is an uphill battle: The anger is fresh over how the Bush administration used the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue fund and lawmakers are questioning whether the once-mighty auto giants can survive. Still, with Washington

spooked by massive job losses that provided the latest evidence of a deepening recession, the White House said it was in “constructive discussions” with lawmakers in both parties on the assistance. House and Senate Democratic staff aides worked through the weekend to hammer out details, with votes on the plan expected in the week ahead.

The emerging measure would speed short-term help to General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC, while empowering the government to order a wholesale restructuring of the industry and impos-

ing tight restrictions on the Big Three, according to congressional officials and others close to the talks. They described the developing plan on condition of anonymity because the details were not final.

It is designed to tide over the companies—particularly GM and Chrysler, which have warned that they are just weeks from going bust—through March, when Barack Obama is president and a new Congress could consider a longer-term solution.

A breakthrough on the long-stalled rescue came Friday when House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi, D-Calif, yielded to President George W. Bush on a key point: allowing the aid to come from an existing fund set aside for the production of environmentally friendlier cars.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said that was central to any agreement, along with requirements that the carmakers swallow tough business decisions and taxpayers be protected.

“Taxpayers should not be asked to finance assistance for automakers without a strong likelihood that they will be paid back,” Perino said in a statement Saturday.

Meltdown weakens NYC as global financial capital

NEW YORK (AP)—For the hundreds of camera-toting tourists who visit Wall Street every day, the New York Stock Exchange presents an imposing sight.

The building-sized American flag draped over the exchange’s towering Corinthian columns. The sculptures on the facade that symbolize the prosperity of a capitalist nation. The stern-looking statue of George Washington across the street.

These icons of national pride mark Wall Street as both a site

of business and a symbol of the risk-taking and financial success that have spurred American global dominance and helped shape this country’s identity.

But with the nation’s top investment houses shuttered, sold or changing into staid commercial operations, doubts have emerged about whether the city that for generations has been known as the world’s financial capital can retain that title—or the daredevil swagger that has defined Wall Street for so long.

It is a transformation that some say was under way long before the meltdown of 2008.

“It’s going to be a long, slow process and take many years for us to really restore our leadership in the world,” said Ron Chemow, who has written extensively on the history of Wall Street. “New York has been damaged, and some of it I think is permanent.”

First, Bear Stearns nearly collapsed and was bought by JP-Morgan Chase in a deal backed by \$29 billion in federal money.

Then Lehman Brothers filed the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history and the British bank Barclays PLC swept in to buy up key units of the firm. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley opted to become commercial banks. And even Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc.—long associated with Wall Street’s iconic bull—announced its sale to an out-of-town commercial bank, North Carolina-based Bank of America Corp. Citigroup has been crumbling day by day in the last week.

Angry laid-off workers occupy factory in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Workers who got three days’ notice that their factory was shutting its doors have occupied the building and say they won’t go home without assurances they’ll get severance and vacation pay.

About 250 union workers occupied the Republic Windows and Doors plant in shifts Saturday while union leaders outside criticized a Wall Street

bailout they say is leaving laborers behind.

Leah Fried, an organizer with the United Electrical Workers, said the Chicago-based vinyl window manufacturer failed to give 60 days’ notice required by law before shutting down.

During the two-day peaceful takeover, workers have been shoveling snow and cleaning the building, Fried said.

“We’re doing something we haven’t done since the 1930s, so we’re trying to make it work,” she said, referring to a tactic most famously used in 1936-37 by General Motors factory workers in Flint, Mich., to help unionize the U.S. auto industry.

Fried said the company can’t pay its 300 employees because its creditor, Charlotte,

N.C.-based Bank of America, won’t let them. Crain’s Chicago Business reported that Republic Windows’ monthly sales had fallen to \$2.9 million from \$4 million during the past month. In a memo to the union, obtained by the business journal, Republic CEO Rich Gillman said the company had “no choice but to shut our doors.”

BUSINESS BRIEFS

3M cutting 1,800 jobs around world in 4th quarter

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—3M Co. is cutting 1,800 jobs in the fourth quarter and ordering some workers to take vacation or unpaid time off for the last two weeks of the year. 3M spokeswoman Jackie Berry told the Star Tribune for a story posted Friday night that the worsening economy forced the cuts. She told the newspaper she didn’t have a dollar amount on how much the company expects to save. The company is also postponing merit pay for next year, she said. The Maplewood-based manufacturer had earlier announced 1,000 job cuts in the third quarter, which ended Sept. 30. The 1,800 new layoffs will come from the U.S., Western Europe and other developed nations. Berry didn’t say where specific cuts would be made, but told the Star Tribune “several hundred” will be in the United States. Berry and other 3M

spokespeople did not immediately return phone messages left by The Associated Press. Along with the job cuts, 3M is pushing hundreds of workers to take vacation or unpaid time off for one to two weeks this month, the newspaper reported.

Report: McClatchy putting Miami Herald on sale

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The McClatchy Co. has approached potential buyers to sell The Miami Herald, one of its most prestigious properties, The New York Times reported Saturday. McClatchy, the nation’s third-largest newspaper chain, is courting potential buyers to unload one of its largest assets as it struggles with debt and advertising losses, the Times said in report published on its Web site, citing anonymous people briefed on McClatchy’s plans. The people cited, who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to report

on any talks, were not aware of any major offers, however, the newspaper said. The people said the Herald generates a slim operating margin at a time when few investors are interested in buying newspapers. McClatchy, headquartered in Sacramento, acquired the Herald in 2006 as part of a \$4.5 billion purchase of Knight Ridder. Much of its cash flow is used to pay off that debt, the Times said. McClatchy Treasurer Elaine Lintecum declined to comment to The Associated Press on any potential sale of the Herald. In an e-mail response Saturday, Lintecum wrote, “We do not comment on market rumors.”

WHO limits melamine in food, says traces seem safe

GENEVA (AP)—The World Health Organization said Friday that tiny traces of the chemical melamine are not harmful in most foods, but it joined the

U.S. and EU in setting a strict limit that regulators should impose before pulling products off the shelf. Melamine was recently found to have contaminated milk products around the world and has been implicated in the sickening of nearly 300,000 babies in China and killing at least six infants there. A meeting of food safety experts held by WHO in Ottawa, Canada, decided on Friday that while there is no good reason to have any melamine in food products at all, a maximum of 0.2 milligrams of melamine per kilogram of body weight can be tolerated per day. Jorgen Schlundt, WHO’s director for food safety, said that threshold is lower than the European Union’s limitation of 0.5 milligrams. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which originally set its limit at 0.63 milligrams, later reduced its tolerable daily intake to 0.063 milligrams. WHO’s guidance is used by governments to set their minimum food safety standards.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 03-0414C
vs.)	NOTICE OF AUCTION
JAMES A. FLEMING, CRISTANCIA M. FLEMING, ROSALIA A. FLEMING, ALFRED F. FLEMING, DEEPAK H. SADHWANI, Defendants.)	

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants James A. Fleming and Cristancia M. Fleming in the following described, real property situated in San Jose, Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee Simple in land situated in San Jose, Tinian, CNMI. **Lot No. 003 T 23** (formerly Block 7 Lot 1) as shown on the Division of Land and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 T 00 dated July 20, 1970, and containing an area of 1,476 square meters, more or less, and including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, December 19, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- 1. Minimum Bid.** No minimum opening bid.
- 2. Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
- 3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
 - a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
 - b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- 4. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- 5. Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
- 6. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- 7. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of James A. Fleming and Cristancia M. Fleming in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this _____ day of November 2008.
/s/ _____

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vs.)	NOTICE OF AUCTION
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The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Manuel A. Tenorio and the Estate of Martina C. Tenorio in the following described real property situated in San Vicente, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Tract No. 22888-8, containing an area of 2,041 square meters, with the following coordinates: N 70° 43' 32" E, 63.50 meters to Corner 2; S 18° 53' 06" W, 65.62 meters to Corner 3; N 74° 37' 22" W, 27.43 meters to Corner 4; N 19° 53' 41" W, 36.00 meters to Corner 1; as shown in Drawing No. 2049/80, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Lot 401 New-2-1, containing an area of 2,000 square meters, as more particularly described as beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 47,329.502 meters North and 50,833.089 meters east of the Mariana Islands District Coordinate System of 1966:

Thence S 53° 17' 16" E, 42.250 meters to corner 2; Thence S 47° 04' 21" E, 15.000 meters to corner 3; Thence S 31° 56' 58" W, 36.233 meters to corner 4; Thence N 51° 39' 38" W, 51.996 meters to corner 5; Thence N 23° 58' 28" E, 37.10 meters to corner 1, the point of beginning, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith, which property (i.e., Lot 401 New-2-1) was divided and partitioned out of Lot 401 New-2, and includes an easement of access and necessity, allowing ingress and egress to and from Lot 401 New-2-1, across Lot 401 New-2-1;

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, December 19, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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- 7. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Manuel A. Tenorio and the Estate of Martina C. Tenorio in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 21st day of November 2008.

/s/ _____
SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
COMMISSIONER
Department of Public Safety

Nation

Rumsfeld nemesis Shinseki to be named VA secretary

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect Barack Obama has chosen retired Gen. Eric K. Shinseki to be the next Veterans Affairs secretary, turning to a former Army chief of staff once vilified by the Bush administration for questioning its Iraq war strategy.

Obama will announce the selection of Shinseki, the first Army four-star general of Japanese-American ancestry, at a news conference Sunday in Chicago. He will be the first Asian-American to hold the post of Veterans Affairs secretary, adding to the growing diversity of Obama's Cabinet.

"I think that General Shinseki is exactly the right person who is going to be able to make sure that we honor our troops when they come home," Obama said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" to be broadcast Sunday.

NBC released a transcript of the interview after The Associated Press reported that Shinseki was Obama's pick.

Shinseki's tenure as Army chief of staff from 1999 to 2003 was marked by constant tensions with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, which boiled over in 2003 when Shinseki testified to Congress that it might take several hundred thousand U.S. troops to control Iraq after the invasion.

Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wol-



In this July 21, 2000 file photo, then Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki talks with reporters Pentagon in Washington.

fowitz, belittled the estimate as "wildly off the mark" and the army general was ousted within months. But Shinseki's

words proved prophetic after President George W. Bush in early 2007 announced a "surge" of additional troops

to Iraq after miscalculating the numbers needed to stem sectarian violence.

Obama said he selected Shinseki for

the VA post because he "was right" in predicting that the U.S. will need more troops in Iraq than Rumsfeld believed at the time.

"When I reflect on the sacrifices that have been made by our veterans and I think about how so many veterans around the country are struggling even more than those who have not served—higher unemployment rates, higher homeless rates, higher substance abuse rates, medical care that is inadequate—it breaks my heart," Obama told NBC.

Shinseki, 66, is slated to take the helm of the government's second largest agency, which has been roundly criticized during the Bush administration for underestimating the amount of funding needed to treat thousands of injured veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thousands of veterans currently endure six-month waits for disability benefits, despite promises by current VA Secretary James Peake and his predecessor, Jim Nicholson, to reduce delays. The department also is scrambling to upgrade government technology systems before new legislation providing for millions of dollars in new GI benefits takes effect next August.

Obama banking on large-scale public works project

CHICAGO (AP)—President-elect Barack Obama said Saturday that he wants to revive the economy and create jobs by upgrading roads, schools and energy efficiency in a public-works program whose scale has been unseen since construction of the interstate highway system in the 1950s.

He offered no price estimate for the grand plan, how the money might be divided or the effect on the country's financial health at a time of burgeon-

ing deficits.

The ideas were outlined in the weekly radio address the day after the government reported that employers cut 533,000 jobs in November, the most in 34 years. They are part of a vision for a massive economy recovery plan Obama wants Congress to pass and have waiting on his desk when he takes office Jan. 20.

The president-elect's address never once used the word "spend," relying

instead on "invest" or "investments," and pledging wise stewardship of taxpayer money in upgrading roads and schools, and making public buildings more energy-efficient.

"We won't just throw money at the problem," Obama said. "We'll measure progress by the reforms we make and the results we achieve—by the jobs we create, by the energy we save, by whether America is more competitive in the world."

Paul Slough of Keller, Texas.

Attorney David Schertler, who represents former Marine Dustin Heard of Knoxville, Tenn., said the guards "were defending themselves and their comrades who were being shot at and receiving fire from Iraqis they believed to be enemy insurgents."

According to their lawyers, the other men charged are Donald Ball, a former Marine from West Valley City, Utah; Evan Liberty, a former Marine from Rochester, N.H.; and Nick Slatten, a former Army sergeant from Sparta, Tenn.

Blackwater guards: Mercenaries or decorated vets?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense attorneys on Saturday lambasted U.S. indictments against decorated war veterans for deadly 2007 shootings as Iraqis welcomed the charges against five Blackwater guards in a case that fueled anti-Americanism and roiled diplomacy with Baghdad.

Charges against Blackwater security guards will be unsealed Monday, more than a year after the fatal shootings of 17 Iraqi civilians. Iraqis hope the charges will finally bring justice and improve relations with the United

States after the gruesome slayings on Sept. 16, 2007.

Defense lawyers say the case has unfairly tarnished the images of the Blackwater guards. Each man has received honors for his service in some of the world's most dangerous places, from Bosnia and Afghanistan to Iraq. The five were to surrender to the FBI on Monday, when the Justice Department plans to unseal the charges against them.

"These are indictments that never should have been brought," said Mark Hulkower, a lawyer for Army veteran

La. voters oust indicted Rep. William Jefferson

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Voters in Louisiana ousted indicted Democratic Rep. William Jefferson on Saturday, instead electing a Republican attorney who will be the first Vietnamese-American in Congress.

Unofficial results showed Anh "Joseph" Cao denying Jefferson a 10th term. Republicans made an aggressive push to take the seat from the 61-year-old incumbent, who has pleaded not guilty to charges of bribery, laundering money and misusing his congressional office.

Cao, 41, won a predominantly black and heavily Democratic district that covers most of New Orleans.

A barrage of election-day automated telephone calls on Cao's behalf flooded the district, including a pitch from the national Republican Party.

New Orleans voters had long been loyal to Jefferson, re-electing him in 2006 even after news of the bribery scandal broke. Late-night TV comics made him the butt of jokes after federal agents said they found \$90,000 in alleged bribe money hidden in his freezer.

"People are innocent until proven

guilty," said Faye Leggins, 54, an educator and Democrat who moved back to the city six months ago and still has fresh memories of Hurricane Katrina. She voted for Jefferson on Saturday. "He has enough seniority, so he can do a lot to redevelop this city."

But Republicans argued the scandal had cost Jefferson his clout in Congress. Election Day brought excitement to the state's usually low-key Vietnamese-American community, said David Nguyen, 45, a store manager and Cao supporter.

"The Vietnamese aren't much into politics," he said.

Turnout appeared light in the district, where two-thirds of voters are Democrats and 11 percent are Republicans. More than 60 percent are black.

Though he was the underdog, Cao received endorsements from some Democrat and green-conscious groups as well as the area's Vietnamese-American community. Cao came to the United States as a child after the fall of Saigon in 1975 and went on to earn degrees in philosophy, physics and law.



ACROSS THE NATION

Calif. city at loss to explain shackled teen case

TRACY, Calif. (AP)—City officials and child-abuse experts don't understand how the abduction and torture of a teenage boy could have gone undetected for more than a year in this middle-class community once dubbed the second-safest in Northern California. "Unless this child was chained in the basement for the duration, it's just not possible that somebody could not have seen something," said Lindy Turner-Hardin, executive director of the nonprofit Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County. But neighbors of a Tracy

couple didn't notice much, except that the 16-year-old boy looked very skinny when he was spotted taking out the trash recently. And he was seldom seen outside even though he was of school age. Authorities said the couple and the boy's former guardian repeatedly used a baseball bat, a knife and a belt to abuse the teen, often keeping him in chains. The emaciated boy stumbled into a gym behind the family's home Monday with a chain padlocked to his ankle, pleading for safety and shelter. Michael Schumacher, 34, and his wife Kelly Layne Lau, 30, are accused of more than a dozen charges, including torture, kidnapping and child abuse.

Court OKs diaper evidence at ex-astronaut's trial

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Diapers, latex gloves and other items found in an ex-astronaut's car can be used as evidence when the woman accused of driving 1,000-miles to confront a romantic rival goes to trial, an appeals court ruled. But the three-judge panel said Friday that Lisa Nowak's six-hour police interview after her arrest cannot be used. Nowak has pleaded not guilty to attempted kidnapping, battery and burglary with assault. She is accused of trying to abduct Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman from the

Orlando International Airport in February 2007. Nowak and Shipman were vying for the affections of the same space shuttle pilot. A lower court judge also threw out Nowak's comments from the interview, saying investigators took advantage of the former astronaut, who had not slept for more than 24 hours, coercing her into giving information.

Girl, 10, dies in Christmas parade float accident

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP)—A 10-year-old girl in a Christmas parade has died after Texas police say she jumped

off a float and was run over by a trailer. Beaumont police supervisor Monica Smith says the girl had been told to stop jumping on and off the float during the popular annual parade Saturday. Smith says the girl fell and hit her head before being struck. The girl was taken to a hospital with severe head injuries and pronounced dead. Authorities say the accident happened toward the end of the parade. Earlier this week, 10 members of a Cub Scout troop were injured in a Christmas parade in Overton when they were struck by a pickup truck. The 82-year-old driver was charged with reckless driving.

Asia

US senators says Pakistan will act

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan(AP)—Pakistan understands it must take quick action against any terrorists connected to the Mumbai attacks that are living in the country, U.S. Sen. John McCain said Saturday after meeting its leaders.

Indian authorities say the attackers were members of a banned Pakistani militant group that was set up by the country's intelligence agencies to battle Indian rule in the disputed Kashmir region.

The attacks have ratcheted up tensions between the nuclear-armed countries, which have fought three wars in the last 60 years.

Asked about the possibility that India may take military action if Pakistan does not react to its allegations, McCain said he believed Islamabad would cooperate with India and take timely "specific acts to avert any further deepening of this crisis."

"From our meetings we have had today we are encouraged that the government of Pakistan will

show that cooperation in words and deed," he told reporters after meetings with Pakistan's prime minister and military chief.

McCain came to Pakistan with two other U.S. senators—Joseph Lieberman and Lindsey Graham—as part of a regional tour as members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. They previously visited India.

Lieberman said he was encouraged that Pakistan "will not allow the terrorists to divide this country from either its allies in Washington or its neighbors in New Delhi."

The attacks have triggered an intense round of diplomacy to stop relations between the two countries deteriorating, something Washington fears will affect its campaign against al-Qaida in the region.

Earlier, the government denied reports that a man pretending to be India's foreign minister spoke to President Asif Ali Zardari over the phone during the Mumbai attacks.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thai opposition says it can form next government

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Thailand's main opposition party said Saturday it plans to form a new government with the help of defectors from the ruling coalition, a move certain to appease an anti-government group that recently paralyzed the capital, shutting down its main international airport for a week. The opposition Democrat Party announced it had mustered the backing of 260 lawmakers in the 400-seat lower house, allowing it to form a government with Oxford-educated party leader Abhisit Vejjajiva as the new prime minister. But the party's apparent triumph, managed during a still chaotic situation the day after Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport reopened, will not be sealed until Parliament meets within the next 30 days to endorse Abhisit and the five-party coalition behind him. The former ruling party said it would not give up the fight. The Democrat party is supported by the People's Alliance for Democracy, an activist group that headed mass demonstrations against several recent governments led by exiled former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and his allies. The protests culminated in a weeklong siege of the capital's two airports.

Ships on anti-piracy watch off Malaysian island

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Ships were warned to maintain a strict watch for suspected Indonesian pirates off Malaysia's coast following four attacks in recent months, a maritime official said Sunday. The

International Maritime Bureau issued an alert to all ships transiting the South China Sea off Tioman island after pirates armed with guns and machetes robbed three vessels and hijacked a tug and barge, said Noel Choong, who heads the IMB's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur. "We advise ships to maintain a strict watch in this area because it will help to prevent the attacks," Choong told The Associated Press. Waters off Tioman island, located on the east coast of Malaysia, are not known for piracy. Malaysian police believe the same group of pirates is responsible for all four attacks, Choong said.

Water buffalo rampage leaves 2 dead in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A water buffalo went on a rampage in central Vietnam, killing two villagers and injuring four others before soldiers shot the beast dead, police said Sunday. The ordeal started Saturday when the buffalo suddenly charged 64-year-old Tran Cam and gored him in the stomach, killing him instantly, said Tran Ngoc Yen, a police officer in Thua Thien Hue province. Over the next four hours the buffalo ran wild through three villages. Villagers used large wooden sticks in a bid to tame the buffalo, but it charged and gored 50-year-old Nguyen Van Quyet, Yen said. Quyet was taken to a hospital, where he died hours later. Soldiers later cornered the beast in a rice field and shot it dead. An autopsy found the animal had a large tumor in its stomach, and authorities suspect the buffalo went mad from the pain, he said.

Indian police arrest 2 men in Mumbai investigation

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—One of the two Indian men arrested for illegally buying mobile phone cards used by the gunmen in the Mumbai attacks was a counterinsurgency police officer who may have been on an undercover mission, security officials said Saturday, demanding his release.

The arrests, announced in the eastern city of Calcutta, were the first since the bloody siege ended. But what was touted as a rare success for India's beleaguered law enforcement agencies, quickly turned sour

as police in two Indian regions squared off against one another.

Senior police officers in Indian Kashmir, which has been at the heart of tensions between India and Pakistan, demanded the release of the officer, Mukhtar Ahmed, saying he was one of their own and had been involved in infiltrating Kashmiri militant groups.

Indian authorities believe the banned Pakistani-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which has links to Kashmir, trained the gunmen and plotted the attacks

that left 171 people dead after a three-day rampage through Mumbai that began Nov. 26.

The implications of Ahmed's involvement—that Indian agents may have been in touch with the militants and perhaps supplied the SIM cards used in the attacks—added to the growing list of questions over India's ill-trained security forces, which are widely blamed for not thwarting the attacks.

Earlier Saturday, Calcutta police announced the arrests of Ahmed and Tauseef Rahman,

who allegedly bought SIM cards by using fake documents, including identification cards of dead people. The cards allow users switch their cellular service to phones other than their own.

Rahman, of West Bengal state, later sold them to Ahmed, said Rajeev Kumar a senior Calcutta police officer.

Both men were arrested Friday and charged with fraud and criminal conspiracy, Kumar said, adding that police were still investigating how the 10 gunmen obtained the SIM cards.

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

INVESTIGATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION'S RATE STRUCTURE AND RELATED MATTERS

DOCKET 09-1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On October 7, 2008, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [CPUC] commenced, on its own initiative pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409[b], an investigation of the Commonwealth Utilities Commission's [CUC] electric rate structure. Public Law 16-2:3 requires that this investigation be conducted on or before December 31, 2008. At CPUC's direction, its regulatory consultant [Georgetown] has undertaken a review of CUC's financial condition, operations and rate structure. Georgetown has also been tasked with recommending a CPUC protocol for regulating CUC's procurements and capital divestitures. On November 24, 2008, Georgetown issued a report on the results of this review. CUC has been given the opportunity, on or before December 8, 2008, to respond to the Georgetown report. These reports, when filed with CPUC, will be available for public inspection at the Law Offices of Viola Alepuyo, 2nd Floor, J.E. Tenorio Bldg, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950. This docket begins an incremental regulatory process by which CPUC will first determine and then provide the just and reasonable rate support, which is necessary to enable CUC to provide reliable electric service.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CPUC will conduct a public hearing, which will commence at 6:00 p.m. on December 12, 2008 at the Senate chamber in the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building on Capitol Hill to receive Georgetown's report and CUC's position regarding the report. CPUC will deliberate on its hearing examiner's report of the investigation and hearing at a business meeting, which will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. on December 19, 2008 at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. The hearing examiner's report, which will be filed on December 16, 2008, will also be available for public inspection at the Law Offices of Viola Alepuyo, 2nd Floor, J.E. Tenorio Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, CNMI 96950.

CPUC welcomes the public's attendance at the hearing and will welcome public comments at the conclusion of the hearing, which will be entertained in the order registered with CPUC staff prior to the commencement of the hearing. Persons who desire to participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(i) should on or before December 8, 2008 file with CPUC at the Law Offices of Viola Alepuyo, 2nd Floor, J.E. Tenorio Bldg, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950 an application and offer of proof in accordance with § 8409(j) and CPUC Procedural Rule 11(c).

Further information about the hearing and the public's right to participate must be made in writing and addressed to the CPUC and dropped off or mailed to Law Offices of Viola Alepuyo, 2nd Floor, J.E. Tenorio Bldg, Gualo Rai, P.O. Box 5506 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, hereby solicits proposals to lease and/or develop the following properties:

1. Lot No. 062 E 03; containing an area of approximately 1,725 square meters; two butler – type buildings, situated at the Saipan Seaport.
2. Lot No. 090 E 02; containing an area of approximately 1,958 square meters; adjacent to FAS Moving; situated at the Saipan Seaport.
3. Lot No. 193 E 05; containing an area of approximately 6,455 square meters; North Sea Plane Ramp; Saipan Seaport.
4. Lot No. 193 E 06; containing an area of approximately 5,163 square meters; North Sea Plane Ramp; Saipan Seaport.
5. Lot No. 066 E 01; containing an area of approximately 1,371 square meters; North Sea Plane Ramp; Saipan Seaport.

Interested parties may obtain a Proposal Package from the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A fee of \$35.00 shall be charged for each copy of the proposal package. Checks should be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Proposal Package must be submitted to the Office of the Executive Director between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on or before December 12, 2008.

For more information, contact the Manager, Port of Saipan at 664-3550.

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director

Date: November 24, 2008



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PUBLIC NOTICE

December 8, 2008

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, WAKIN'S BUILDING, CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Roll Call
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. October 6, 2008
 - b. October 15, 2008
 - c. October 23, 2008
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. REPORTS
 1. Financial Report – CDA
 2. Legal Counsel's Report
- IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
 1. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
 - a. Loan Applications/Borrower's Request
 - b. Non-Interest Accrual Proposal
 - c. Foreclosed Properties Funding Requests
 2. DBD/Public Finance Committee
 - a. Status of the DBD Funds
 3. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget
 - a. Executive Director
 4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities
 - a. Compliance Issues
 - b. Proposed Legislation – Fairness in Investment Incentives Act of 2008
 - c. House Resolution 16-62, HD1
 - d. House Resolution No. 16-67
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Reorganization
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. SBDC's Funding Request (Department of Commerce)
- VII. OTHER MATTERS
 1. CDA's Presentation to the Legislature
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ PEDRO I. ITIBUS
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors



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THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY WILL DIRECTLY COLLECT THE \$2.25 PASSENGER FEE AT THE TINIAN SEAPORT FROM ALL NON DYNASTY GUESTS TRAVELING FROM TINIAN TO SAIPAN EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 2008. BEFORE PURCHASING THE FERRY TICKET FROM THE TINIAN FERRY CASHIER, THE PASSENGER SHALL FIRST PAY THE PASSENGER FEE TO THE DESIGNATED CPA PERSONNEL. A RECEIPT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE PASSENGER TO PRESENT TO THE TINIAN FERRY CASHIER. THE TINIAN FERRY CASHIER SHALL NOT SELL THE FERRY TICKET TO ANYONE WITHOUT A RECEIPT OF THE PASSENGER FEE PAYMENT.

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director

World

Riots erupt in Athens after police kill youth

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Hundreds of rioters fought pitched battles with police in two Greek cities Saturday night after an officer shot and killed a 16-year-old in Athens.

Witnesses said the shooting occurred around 9 p.m. when a small group of youths attacked a police patrol car. An officer fired three shots, hitting the youth in the chest.

Police issued a statement saying the patrol car, with two officers inside, was attacked by a group of 30 stone-throwing youths while patrolling the central district of Exarchia. According to the statement, the two officers left their car to confront the rioters.

“The two (police officers) maintain that they were attacked again and responded, with one firing a stun grenade and the other, by shooting three times, resulting in the fatal wounding of the minor,” the statement said.

Two Greek TV stations said the young man shot was rushed to a hospital but died upon arrival.

The two officers and the local precinct commander have been suspended pending an investigation, the police statement said.



Riot police pass by a burnt car outside the National Technical University School of Athens early Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008.

“The government expresses its profound regret over this incident. An in-

quiry on the circumstances of the death has already begun and, if the policemen

are found to have been derelict in their duty, the punishment will be exempla-

ry,” Interior Minister Prokipsis Pavlopoulos said in a statement.

The news enraged hundreds of youths in the area who began rioting, attacking other police cars with stones and firebombs. Police responded by firing tear gas at the crowd, evacuating some restaurants in the area, and closing several streets to all traffic.

A few hours after the rioting began, the youths appeared to divide into at least three separate groups and there was a lull in the fighting.

Shortly after midnight, rioting resumed with some protesters marching through the city center and others fighting police nearby. Police fired tear gas, and rioters threw stones and firebombs.

In the northern city of Thessaloniki, dozens of youths attacked a police precinct in the city center and several others have blockaded a road.

At least one teenager was arrested, but no casualties were reported among the rioters or police.

Calls were posted on Web sites for more people to join the protests in the two main cities as well as the city of Iraklio on the island of Crete.

Police: bombs and shootings kill 6 in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—Bombers and gunmen targeted Iraqi police recruits and U.S.-allied Sunni guards in a series of attacks Saturday that killed at least six people and wounded dozens, officials said.

Iraqis, meanwhile, welcomed the U.S. indictments of five Blackwater Worldwide security guards in last year's shooting that killed 17 Iraqi civilians at a central Baghdad square.

The deadliest attack on Saturday was an ambush on a checkpoint manned by members of an armed Sunni group that

has joined forces with the United States against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Gunmen opened fire on the checkpoint in the village of Ousoud, northeast of the Diyala provincial capital of Baqouba, killing three of the Sunni guards and wounding four, according to police at the regional security headquarters.

A bomb also exploded inside a Baqouba cafe that is frequented by so-called Sons of Iraq, the name given to the Sunni groups working with the U.S., wounding eight of them and 11 civilians, police and

hospital officials said.

In Baghdad, a bomb attached to a police truck exploded near a popular vegetable market in a southern neighborhood, killing a Sunni tribal leader who was a member of a group that has joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaida, and his driver, police and hospital officials said.

The Sunni revolt in Iraq has been one of the key factors in a sharp decline in violence over the past year, and members of the group have frequently been targeted as insurgents try to derail the security gains.

Millions of Muslims gather for hajj pilgrimage

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Nearly 3 million pilgrims chanting prayers converged Saturday in a valley just outside the holy city of Mecca at the beginning of the 5-day hajj pilgrimage, a lifelong dream for many Muslims.

The pilgrims from about 100 countries left Mecca after completing the first ritual of the hajj by circling the sacred Kaaba stone structure seven times inside the Grand Mosque, which Muslims all over the world face during their five daily prayers.

Dressed in white robes, pilgrims piled into and on top of buses on their way to a ritual of prayer and reflection in Mina, 3 miles east of Mecca.

The journey caused massive traffic jams on roads to Mina, where pilgrims will spend the night in white, fireproof tents. Some pilgrims chose to walk the route.

The hajj, packed with symbolism and ritual, is one of the five pillars of Islam. Every able-bodied Muslim who can financially afford to must perform it at least once in his or her lifetime.

For Ahmed Malek, a pilgrim from the Maldives, the hajj teaches that all people are equal before God.

“Here, all the people are wearing identical white dress, no matter who they are,” said Malek. “I get the lesson that all human beings will be judged on the basis of their deeds, not color, race or social position.”

Mohammad Hossein Salem, an Iranian pilgrim performing the hajj for the first time with his wife, said he waited 10 years to make the journey.

Israel eases traffic restriction in West Bank city

NABLUS, West Bank (AP)—Palestinian motorists drove freely out of this bustling West Bank city for the first time in six years Saturday after Israel eased long-standing travel restrictions in an apparent goodwill gesture ahead of a Muslim holiday.

The move was the latest sign of improving cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces in the West Bank. After years of fighting, Israel has begun to allow Palestinian security forces in the West Bank to maintain law and order in several major Palestinian population centers in recent months.

In contrast, Israel continues to battle militants in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. Late Saturday, Israel launched a pair of airstrikes against rocket launchers in northern Gaza. One attack wounded two militants as they tried to fire a rocket, one critically, Palestinian officials said. The army confirmed the airstrikes.

In Nablus, Palestinians crowded into cars to take advantage of their newfound freedom.

“I hope this is permanent,” said Wissam Hassouna, a 37-year-old gro-

cer who planned to go for a drive with his wife and children.

“I really want to drive quickly in my car. I’ve never taken my car outside of Nablus before. I want to know what it feels like to speed,” he said, as he waited in a line to pass through the Hawara checkpoint.

Hawara is among the biggest and most notorious Israeli checkpoints in the West Bank. Nablus residents typically wait in long lines to pass through the heavily fortified crossing on foot. Since 2002, motorists have needed a permit to pass through. On Saturday, soldiers freely waved cars through the crossing, prompting a rush of travelers.

Israel maintains hundreds of roadblocks and checkpoints throughout the West Bank, saying they are needed to control militants. The Palestinians say the travel restrictions have made life unbearable and stifled their economy.

At the height of the fighting, scores of suicide bombers and gunmen were dispatched from Nablus. The city of 170,000 is still ringed by eight checkpoints and road barriers.

WORLD BRIEFS

World Bank warns Gaza banks may collapse

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—The World Bank and International Monetary Fund warned Saturday that Gaza's severe cash shortage may cause local banks to collapse.

It was the most serious warning yet regarding the consequences of Israel's continued refusal to allow new money infusions into banks in the Palestinian territory. Israel has not allowed money to enter Gaza since October, barring Palestinian banks from transferring cash to their Gaza branches. It is part of a larger blockade imposed on Gaza

in response to Palestinian rocket attacks from the territory controlled by the Islamic militant group Hamas. “The liquidity crisis could lead to the collapse of the commercial banking system in Gaza,” the World Bank said in a statement. The International Monetary Fund offered a similar prediction. The cash shortage means around 77,000 Palestinian civil servants will not be able to withdraw their salaries before a Muslim holiday early next week. The cash shortage also forced the United Nations in November to halt cash payments to thousands of Gaza's poorest residents.

Journalists become targets in Mexico's drug war

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)—As the photographer pulled his 2000 Ford Explorer into a soccer field, the crackle of his police scanner was broken by a lone accordion riff. The riff, a fragment of a “narcocorrido” glorifying drug smugglers, was an announcement that the death toll in Mexico's drug war—already above 4,000 this year—had just risen. Hector Dayer already knew that as he looked out at the seven bodies, bound, beaten and repeatedly shot. What he didn't know was whether yet another colleague was among the

victims. Two weeks earlier, Dayer had photographed a friend—a veteran crime reporter from a rival newspaper—shot dead in his car as his 8-year-old daughter sat shaking in the passenger's seat. On this day, none of the bodies belonged to journalists. Dayer grabbed his camera, pulled up the collar of his jacket to hide his face, and stepped out to photograph the carnage.

Protest near Vatican denounces policy on gays

ROME (AP)—Gay rights proponents have denounced the Vatican's policy on homosexuals in a small protest near

St. Peter's Square. About 200 people, including some Italian politicians, gathered just outside Vatican City's borders Saturday evening to protest the church's opposition to initiatives to decriminalize homosexuality in all countries. The Vatican's envoy to the United Nations recently said that the Holy See opposes a proposed U.N. declaration to decriminalize homosexuality. The Vatican says unjust forms of discrimination must be avoided. But it is worried that any U.N. resolution against discrimination on gender could pressure countries to recognize same-sex marriages. The Catholic Church teaches that homosexual activity is sinful.

Health & Fitness

As conditions change, don't give bike a cold shoulder

By **ANICA BUTLER**
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BALTIMORE—Now that temperatures—and gas prices—are falling in many parts of the country, you might be tempted to exile your bike to the basement or garage until warmer days return.

But there's no need. With the right equipment and care, you can continue commuting on two wheels or hitting the trails on weekends.

The key, bike enthusiasts say, is the proper clothing—and layering.

Start with your head. Penny Trouttner, owner of Light Street Cycles, recommends a skull cap or a balaclava, a head covering that also protects your neck and fits easily under a helmet.

"You really need to keep your extremities from getting too cold," Trouttner says. "Especially because the wind will be hitting you."

She recommends long-finger gloves made for biking. They'll keep your fingers warm, but you'll still be able to maneuver gears and brakes. In addition to wearing warm socks, you also can buy shoe or toe covers that will help protect feet from wind.

But take care not to bundle up too warmly; your body will produce its own heat while you ride.

Jason Wright of Joe's Bike Shop recommends following this rule: "If you leave the house and you're warm, you're overdressed."

Try to look for sweat-wicking material rather than cotton, says Greg Doda of Princeton Sports.

"The goal is to stay dry and warm," he says. "In cotton, you'll get sweaty, and then you'll get cold."

Trouttner also recommends wind-protecting clothing.

"A lot of winter jerseys and winter tights will allow for breathing, so you don't get so hot you sweat," she says. "You can get something called windfront; it will block the wind in front of you as you go forward, but is different in the back.

It can breathe, so it doesn't encase you.

"It's also nice to wear a vest," Trouttner adds. "It will keep your vital (organs) warm while allowing the arms to breathe."

She says it could

cost about \$200 to buy all-new winter gear or more for someone who wants high-end options.

Also important in colder months is safety. Riders must keep an eye out for icy patches, ride more slowly and carefully in the rain, and make sure they're visible on the road. At the very least, a rider needs front and rear lights.

"There is a lot less sunlight," Wright says. "It's very, very important to allow drivers to see you."

Trouttner says the best lights have a solid white beam in front and a blinking red light in back, although

more expensive lights provide visibility on the sides as well.

Bicyclists probably don't need any additional bike maintenance in the winter; one tune-up a year is usually sufficient. But if your bike needs repairs, take it in now.

"Bike shops are less busy, so if you need something major done ... winter is a good time," Trouttner says. "Bike shops have more time and will do the work faster, and maybe do a better job."

If you ride into chillier days, get a thicker lube for your chain and wash your bike if you ride through a lot of mud and any time you ride through salt.

Cleaning your bike "is pretty critical any time of year, but in winter, you need to make sure you clean it more often," Wright says.

For many bike shops, this summer brought increased sales from spiking gas prices. If you didn't jump on the bandwagon and purchase a bicycle then, now might be a good time for that, too.

Doda recommends thinking about what type of riding you will do—urban commuting, mountain biking, etc.—before you head to the store. A good fit, even for children, and accessories are important.

"It's really important to pick something you like and something you'll be happy with," he says. "If you aren't happy, you won't ride it, and it'll just be a waste."



Good cheer may spread itself, a study suggests

By **MARIA CHENG**
AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON (AP)—When you're smiling, the whole world really does smile with you.

A paper being published Friday in a British medical journal concludes that happiness is contagious—and that people pass on their good cheer even to total strangers.

American researchers who tracked more than 4,700 people in Framingham, Mass., as part of a 20-year heart study also found the transferred happiness is good for up to a year.

"Happiness is like a stampede," said Nicholas Christakis, a professor in Harvard University's sociology department and co-author of the study. "Whether you're happy depends not just on your own actions and behaviors and thoughts, but on those of people you don't even know."

While the study is another sign of the power of social networks, it ran through 2003, just before the rise of social networking

Web sites like Friendster, MySpace and Facebook. Christakis couldn't say for sure whether the effect works online.

"This type of technology enhances your contact with friends, so it should support the kind of emotional contagion we observed," he said.

Christakis and co-author James Fowler, of the University of California in San Diego, are old hands at studying social networks. They previously found that obesity and smoking habits spread socially as well.

For this study, published in the British journal BMJ, they examined questionnaires that asked people to measure their happiness. They found distinct happy and unhappy clusters significantly bigger than would be expected by chance.

Happy people tended to be at the center of social networks and had many friends who were also happy. Having friends or siblings nearby increased people's chances of being upbeat.

Happiness spread outward by three degrees, to the friends of friends of friends.

Happy spouses helped, too, but not as much as happy friends of the same gender. Experts think people, particularly women, take emotional cues from people who look like them.

Christakis and Fowler estimate that each happy friend boosts your own chances of being happy by 9 percent. Having grumpy friends decreases it by about 7 percent.

But it also turns out misery doesn't love company: Happiness seemed to spread more consistently than unhappiness. But that doesn't mean you should drop your gloomy friends.

"Every friend increases the probability that you're at the center of a network, which means you are more eligible to get a wave of happiness," Fowler said.

Being happy also brings other benefits, including a protective effect on your immune system

so you produce fewer stress hormones, said Andrew Steptoe, a psychology professor at University College London who was not involved with the study.

But you shouldn't assume you can make yourself happy just by making the right friends.

"To say you can manipulate who your friends are to make yourself happier would be going too far," said Stanley Wasserman, an Indiana University statistician who studies social networks.

The study was only conducted in a single community, so it would take more research to confirm its findings. But in a time of economic gloom, it also suggested some heartening news about money and happiness.

According to the research, an extra chunk of money increases your odds of being happy only marginally—notably less than the odds of being happier if you have a happy friend.

"You can save your money," Christakis said. "Being around happy people is better."

A bike check list

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■ **Bike use:** Will you be riding to work? Sticking to trails or going off-road? Participating in competitive racing? There are types of bikes for all kinds of use.

■ **Size of bike:** Getting the right-sized bike is important. The wrong size can be uncomfortable and lead to injuries.

■ **Type of bike:** Did you take a test ride? If you end

up not liking your bike, you won't ride it. Before you buy, make sure it's comfortable, the brakes work well and it's easy to shift. There can be huge differences between bicycles in the same category.

■ **Accessories:** Many people swap out the seat on their bike for a more comfortable one. You'll also need a helmet, and consider a water bottle.

Maintenance: You'll need at least one tune-up a year.



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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

Edward M. Ayuyu, ("Trustor"), on or about September 17, 2001 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on September 17, 2001 under Document No. 01-1942 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 345 R 426, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 929 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 345 R 09 DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1984, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 84-2049, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Notice of Default on July 20, 2006. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **December 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office in Garapan, Saipan, whose address is P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96951** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **\$10,000.00**.

All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by December 11, 2008 and must be received no later than December 22, 2008 by 8:00 a.m. at our office in Garapan, Saipan. Off-island bidders must notify the NMHC Corporate Director in writing (by any mode of written communication including facsimile or other electronic transmission) of their intent to bid. Off-island bidders may appoint a representative to participate in the auction on their behalf.

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the offered purchase price must be paid by the winning bidder on the bid date by 4:00 p.m. and the balance of the purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check, cashier's check, electronic or wire transfers, within 72 hours from the time of sale.

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 20th day of November 2008.

/s/ Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director, NMHC

Life & Style

Photos by
NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.



Tan Holdings CEO and president Jerry Tan stresses a point during the launching of the 3R reusable shopping bag campaign last Saturday at the Azucena Hall of Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.



Dave Sablan explains the mechanics of the raffle promo.



Joeten executive vice president Dennis Yoshimoto speaks on the positive impact of the partnership.



On the front table are, from left, Tan Holdings vice president David Sablan, Joeten Group of Companies management representatives Dennis Yoshimoto (Executive VP), J.J. Tenorio (wholesale manager), and Bo Palacios (Corporate special project manager).



Tan Holdings employees listen to the explanations on the mechanics of the 3R reusable shopping bag raffle promo.



Congressman Ed Salas, who is a former Tan Holdings HR director, attends the launching with his wife Nona.



The "Tan Holdings goes green with Joeten" mascot poses with the campaign poster.



Saipan Tribune advertising manager Absalon Waki Jr. shows off the 3R reusable shopping bag.



Tan Holdings employees pose with the 3R mascot.

OJ Simpson faces spartan prison as lawyers appeal

LAS VEGAS (AP)—In the harsh light of the morning after his sentencing, O.J. Simpson's future was clear Saturday. His new home will be a prison cell in the Nevada desert with his door to freedom hinging on an appeal of a trial that his lawyers say was filled with errors.

"This is not a frivolous appeal," Yale Galanter, Simpson's lawyer, said. "There were some grave errors made by Judge (Jackie) Glass, and we think they are strong enough to overturn the conviction. We also think we have a shot at bail."

Galanter has cited six initial issues for appeal. The most significant concern could be the exclusion of blacks from the jury selection. The defense also will protest the judge allowing comments about Simpson's 1994 Los Angeles murder case in which he was acquitted of killing his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman.

On Saturday, Simpson remained at the Clark County jail where he has been housed since his conviction on Oct. 3, along with co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart. The two men were found guilty of 12 criminal charges, including kidnapping, armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

Simpson was sentenced Friday to 9 to 33 years in prison. Stewart got 7 1/2 to 27 years. Michael Shapiro, a New York defense lawyer who has followed the Las Vegas case, said Simpson's case may get extra attention from Nevada Supreme Court, the state's only appellate court.

"Superimposed over all of it is that he's O.J. He's not Joe

Schmo," Shapiro said. The justices also could be influenced by Simpson's murder trial, he said, calling it "the 800-pound gorilla in the room."

Before any appeal winds its way to the Nevada Supreme Court, Simpson faces years in prison for a September 2007 confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers over collectibles that Simpson insisted

were stolen from him.

"Prison will be very taxing on him," Galanter said. At 61, Simpson is not in great health, he said.

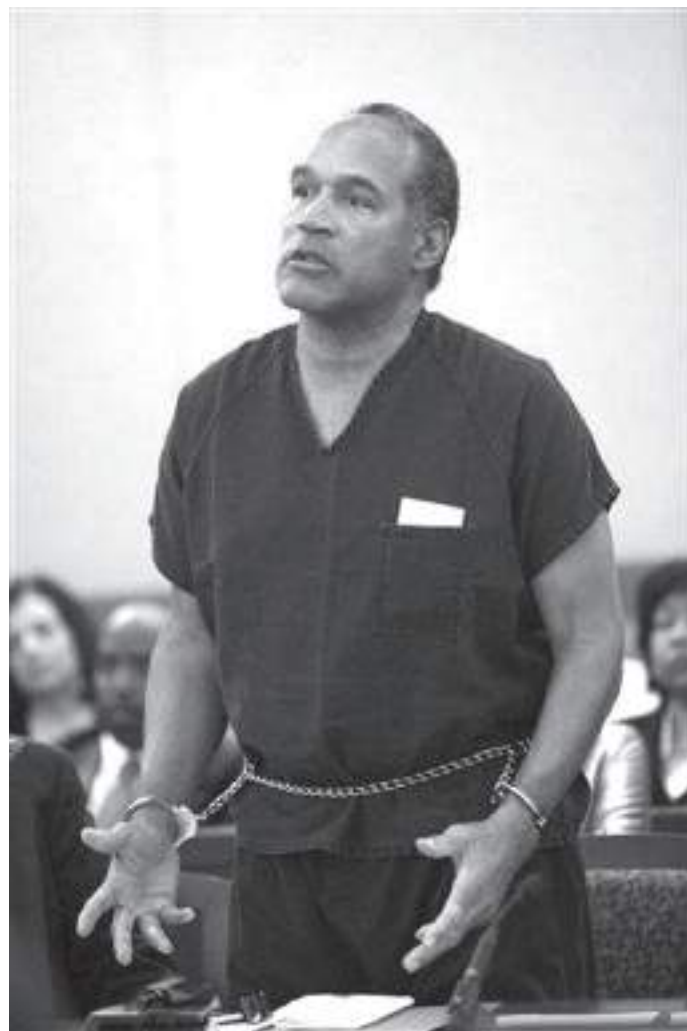
"He'll be treated like every other inmate," said Howard Skolnik, director of the Nevada Department of Corrections. "The only issue might be whether we have to provide a little more protective custody

because of his notoriety, at least at the start."

Gabriel Grasso, another Simpson lawyer, anticipated that Simpson would find friends in prison,

adding that Simpson had been buying snacks for fellow inmates at the Clark County jail.

"I think when he does meet people in jail, they're going to treat him well because he treats them well," Grasso said.



O.J. Simpson speaks during his sentencing hearing at the Clark County Regional Justice Center in Las Vegas, Friday, Dec. 5, 2008.

Pinup Bettie Page hospitalized after heart attack

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bettie Page, a 1950s pinup known for her raven-haired bangs and saucy come-hither looks, was hospitalized in intensive care after suffering a heart attack, her agent said Friday.

"She's critically ill," Mark Roesler of CMG Worldwide told The Associated Press. He said the 85-year-old had been hospitalized for the last three weeks with pneumonia and was about to be released when she had the heart attack Tuesday. Page was transferred to another hospital in Los Angeles and remained in intensive care Friday.

A family friend, Todd Muel-

ler, said Page was in a coma. When asked to confirm, Roesler said, "I would not deny that," but he would not comment further on her condition.

Page, a secretary turned model, is credited with helping set the stage for the sexual revolution of the rebellious 1960s. She attracted national attention with magazine photographs of her sensuous figure that were tacked up on walls across the country.

Her photos included a centerfold in the January 1955 issue of then-fledgling Playboy magazine, as well as controversial sadomasochistic poses.

Page later spent decades

away from the public eye, and during that time battled mental illness and became a born-again Christian.

After resurfacing in the 1990s, she occasionally granted interviews but refused to allow her picture to be taken.

Mueller credits his business dealings with Page for bringing her out of seclusion. He said he first met her in 1989 when he offered her "a bunch of money" to show up at autograph signings.

"I probably sold 3,000 of her autographs, usually for \$200 to \$300," he said. "Eleanor Roosevelt, we got \$40-\$50. ... Bettie Page outsells them all."

Sunny von Bulow dead after 28 years in coma

NEW YORK (AP)—Martha "Sunny" von Bulow, an heiress who spent the last 28 years of her life in oblivion after what prosecutors alleged in a pair of sensational trials were two murder attempts by her husband, died Saturday at age 76.

She died at a nursing home in New York, her children said in a statement issued by family spokeswoman Maureen Connelly.

Sunny von Bulow was a personification of romantic notions about high society—a stunning heiress who brought her American millions to marriages with men who gave her honored old European names.

But she ended her days in a coma, showing no sign of awareness as she was visited by her children and tended around the clock by nurses.

In the 1980s, she was the off-stage presence that haunted her husband's two sensational trials in Newport and Providence, R.I.

At the first trial, in 1982, Claus von Bulow was convicted of trying twice to kill her by injecting her with insulin at their estate in Newport, R.I. That verdict was thrown out on appeal, and he was acquitted at a second

trial in 1985.

The murder case split Newport society, produced lurid headlines and was later made into the 1990 film, "Reversal of Fortune," starring Glenn Close and Jeremy Irons.

Claus von Bulow is now living in London, "mostly taking care of his grandchildren," said Alan Dershowitz, the defense lawyer who handled the appeal and won his acquittal at the second trial. He wrote the book "Reversal of Fortune: Inside the von Bulow Case," on which the movie was based.

Dershowitz said there was "overwhelming" evidence that her coma was self-induced—caused by a "large ingestion of drugs, and Claus had nothing to do with it," Dershowitz said.

"There are no winners in a case like this," he added.

Claus von Bulow's main accusers were his wife's children by a previous marriage to Austrian Prince Alfred von Auersperg—Princess Annie-Laurie "Ala" von Auersperg Isham and Prince Alexander von Auersperg. They renewed the charges against their stepfather in a civil lawsuit a month after his acquittal.

Two years later, Claus von

Bulow agreed to give up any claims to his wife's estimated \$25 million-to-\$40 million fortune and to the \$120,000-a-year income of a trust she set up for him. He also agreed to divorce her, leave the country and never profit from their story.

Sales of Sunny von Bulow's property brought \$4.2 million from her oceanfront estate in Newport, \$6.25 million from her 12-room apartment on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, and \$11.5 million from the art and antiques from the homes.

Prosecutors contended that Claus von Bulow wanted to get rid of his wife to inherit a large chunk of her wealth and be free to marry a mistress. The defense countered by painting Sunny von Bulow, who suffered from low blood sugar, as an alcoholic and pill popper who drank herself into a coma.

Claus von Bulow was accused of injecting his wife with insulin first in December 1979, causing a coma from which she revived. Prosecutors said he tried again a year later, on Dec. 21, 1980, and the 49-year-old heiress fell into what her children on Saturday called "a persistent vegetative state."

In Celebration of Her New Life

Julie Ann Blas Manibusan

Born on June 25, 1968 and called to her eternal rest on December 1, 2008



Pre-deceased by:

Father: Vicente Pangelinan Manibusan

Mother: Maria Blas Manibusan

Grandparents: Jose Cabrera Manibusan
Antonia Pangelinan Manibusan
Ana Benavente Manibusan
Pedro Santos Blas
Guadalupe Basa Blas

Niece: Kiara Monica Manibusan Lizama

Newphews: Jordon Mingirarou Manibusan
Angelo Jonathan Manibusan Lizama

Survived by:

CHILDREN: Melvin Marco Manibusan
Colleen Marie Manibusan
Maria Rosa Manibusan

GRANDSON: Kyon Blake Lafton Manibusan

SISTERS/BROTHERS/IN-LAWS:

Antonia B. Manibusan/ James P. Sablan (John Vincent M./ Ricarda Jo S. Lizama-Richard Javin, Antoniea Brendeen, Tressa-Rie Franchesca) (Lorena M. Lizama/ Willdrow Cabrera- Leyanna Marie, Willton John, Leilani Justine, Wil-Leina) (Andrew Norman, James Dominic & Samantha) Guadalupe M./ Joseph R. Camacho (Antoinette & Angela Janelle) Edward B./ Apehla J. Manibusan (Anna Marie/ Andrew Moses-Haidee Brynn Don Roger, Renee Anne & Edward Jr.) Francisca B. Manibusan (Yvonne Marie C./Eric Brown, Noah Jude & Devon Xavier) Juan B./ Olympia M. Manibusan (John Delbirt, Jr., Vicente Ngratebl, Jemima Ngerbuns Mariya) Jesus B./ Gina J. Manibusan (Conchitina Marie & Georgina) Vivian M./ Edwin Patrick C. Lizama (Kimberly Marie)

Also survived by numerous uncles/aunties/cousins & friends.

Nightly rosary is being said at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. On Tuesday, December 9th, 2008, her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 8:30 a.m. for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Interment service will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Please Join Us In Prayers.

DANGKULO NA SI YU'US MAASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS.

The Family

Oprah: I'm not seeking job with Obama



Oprah Winfrey poses at The Hollywood Reporter's annual Women in Entertainment Breakfast in Beverly Hills, Calif., Friday, Dec. 5, 2008.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Although Oprah Winfrey worked hard on Barack Obama's presidential election campaign, she never considered going to work for the president-elect's administration, the talk show host said Friday.

"I have a few full-time jobs already and a few full-time commitments, you know—contractual commitments that say I have to be where I am," Winfrey told AP Television. "So, it never ever oc-

curred to me, not even occurred to me."

Winfrey said she would stay put, even if the president-elect came calling. "Even if I was offered, I still have contractual commitments and what could I do?" Winfrey said. "I do what I do best on TV every day."

Earlier this week, Winfrey's production company confirmed she would host her Chicago-based talk show to Washington for at least two episodes

during inauguration week. She'll have a live show from the Kennedy Center Opera House one day before the ceremony, and tape another one on Jan. 21.

One plan she hasn't yet thought out was her dress for the inaugural ball, despite rumors to the contrary.

"I actually haven't picked it," Winfrey said. "I had a dress on the vision board, but I'm not sure that's gonna fit, so I have to work on something else."

Nobel winner Le Clezio: Writing was 3rd job choice

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Nobel literature laureate Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio said Saturday that he took up writing only after poor eyesight stopped him from becoming a sailor.

Arriving in Stockholm to receive the prestigious award, the 68-year-old Frenchman said he had also considered a career in architecture.

"My abilities in mathematics were poor ... so my third choice was being a writer," Le Clezio told reporters at the waterfront Grand Hotel.

Still, Le Clezio soon discovered a natural urge to write, and said he was driven by an uncontrollable impulse rather than a desire to convey political messages.

"I'm more a storyteller than anything else," he said in French. "I do not write intending to demonstrate something or to attack something or to defend something."

In its Nobel citation, the Swedish Academy praised Le Clezio for his "poetic adventure and sensual ecsta-

sy" in such works as "Terra Amata," "The Book of Flights" and "Desert."

Le Clezio was the 14th French writer



Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio smiles during his press conference in Stockholm, Sweden, Saturday Dec. 6, 2008.

to win since the Nobel Prizes began in 1901. Though he was born in France, his father is British and he holds dual nationality with Mauritius, where his family has roots.

The globe-trotting writer also spends much of his time in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Living in the U.S. you have this strange feeling of being surrounded by threats anywhere," he said.

He said in Mauritius, an island nation renowned for its gorgeous beaches, people put more faith in peace than in war, an idea he said should be embraced more widely.

"I wish it would be possible for the whole world. Who knows, maybe one day."

Le Clezio will receive the Nobel Prize in literature at a ceremony on Wednesday. The medicine, chemistry, physics and economics prizes are also handed out in Stockholm, while the Nobel Peace Prize is presented in Oslo, Norway.

'My Three Sons' actress Beverly Garland dies at 82

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Beverly Garland, the B-movie actress who starred in 1950s cult hits like "Swamp Women" and "Not of This Earth" and who went on to play Fred MacMurray's TV wife on "My Three Sons," has died. She was 82.

Garland died Friday at her Hollywood Hills home after a lengthy illness, her son-in-law Packy Smith told the Los Angeles Times.

Garland made her film debut in the 1950 noir classic "D.O.A.," launching a 50-year career that included 40 movies and dozens of television shows.

She gained cult status for playing gutsy women in low-budget exploitation films such as "The Alligator People" and a number of Roger Corman movies including "Gun-slinger," "It Conquered the World" and "Naked Paradise."

"I never considered myself very much of a passive kind of actress," she said in a 1985 interview with Fangoria magazine. "I was never very comfortable in love scenes, never comfortable playing a sweet, lovable lady." Garland showed her comedic chops as Bing Crosby's wife in the short-lived sitcom "The Bing Crosby Show" in the mid-'60s.

She went on to be cast in "My Three Sons" as the second wife of MacMurray's widower Steve Douglas during the last three seasons of the popular series that aired from 1960 to 1972.

Her television credits also include "Remington Steele," "Scarecrow and Mrs. King," "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman," "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" and "7th Heaven."

Garland was born Beverly Fessenden in Santa Cruz, Calif., in 1926, and grew up in Glendale. She became Beverly Garland when she married actor Richard Garland. They were divorced in 1953 after less than four years of marriage.

In 1960, she married real estate developer Fillmore Crank, and the couple built a mission-style hotel in North Hollywood, now called Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn. Garland, whose husband died in 1999, remained involved in running the North Hollywood hotel.

She was the honorary mayor of North Hollywood and served on the boards of the California Tourism Corp. and the Greater Los Angeles Visitors and Convention Bureau.



This Oct. 17, 1987 file photo shows actress Beverly Garland. Garland, the actress who starred in 1950s cult hits like "Swamp Women" and "Not of This Earth" and who went on to play Fred MacMurray's TV wife on "My Three Sons," died Friday Dec. 5, 2008. She was 82.

Vegas judge drops charges against 'Suge' Knight

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A judge on Friday dismissed drug and battery charges filed against Marion "Suge" Knight, a hip-hop mogul accused of beating a woman in a parking lot.

Justice of the Peace Abbi Silver dismissed the charges without prejudice, said Clark County Court spokesman Michael Sommermeyer.

Knight's attorney, David Chesnoff, said the prosecution had "discovery problems and witness problems."

Court records show that the district attorney's office has filed a notice indicating it may try to revive the charges by seeking a grand jury indictment, Sommermeyer said.

Knight had been charged with two counts of felony drug possession and one count of misdemeanor battery in the beating of a woman in August. Police said they had seen him striking Melissa Isaac while holding a knife in a parking lot near the Las Vegas Strip.

Authorities said Isaac wasn't stabbed but was treated at a hospital for injuries.

A complaint filed by the district attorney's office also said the founder of Death Row Records was carrying the drugs Ecstasy and hydrocodone when he was arrested.

Death Row Records released semi-

nal gangster rap albums by Tupac Shakur, Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg, selling tens of millions of albums in the early 1990s.

In 2006, a federal judge ordered a bankruptcy trustee takeover of Death Row Records, saying the label had been grossly mismanaged. The record company was auctioned for \$24 million in June to New York-based Global Music Group Inc.



Rap producer Marion "Suge" Knight watches the 3rd annual BET Awards in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, in this June 24, 2003 file photo.

Alyssa Milano says Calif. stalker hiked to see her

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actress Alyssa Milano has sought a temporary restraining order against a Northern California man who she says hiked miles to try to reach her.

A statement from Milano says the man has repeatedly tried to meet her and displayed increasingly threatening behavior. It also says he tried to

gain access to an upcoming event where she is scheduled to appear.

Milano also is seeking protection for her parents and brother.

A hearing is scheduled for January.

Milano is best known for her roles on television series such as "Who's the Boss?" and "Charmed."

Guitarist sues over 2008 Coldplay hit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A noted guitarist has sued members of Coldplay, claiming the band's smash hit "Viva La Vida" copied parts of one of his songs.

The copyright infringement lawsuit by Joe Satriani was filed Thursday in federal court in Los Angeles.

The 52-year-old claims Coldplay copied "substantial, original portions" of his 2004 song, "If I Could Fly." The

Coldplay hit, which was nominated for a Grammy this week, has topped charts around the world and been used to sell iPods in commercials.

Representatives for the band and their label, Capitol Records, did not return calls seeking comment on Friday.

Satriani wants a federal judge to order an accounting so he can determine how much money he may be owed, or else stop using the song.

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In this July 14, 2008 file photo, Chris Martin of the band Coldplay performs during the opening night of their "Viva La Vida" tour at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood, Calif.



Del Toro attends screening of 'Che' in Havana



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Cuban Army Col. Leonardo Tamayo Nunez, who fought alongside 'Che' Guevara in Cuba and Bolivia, shares a moment with Puerto Rico's actor Benicio Del Toro during the premier of the movie 'Che', by U.S. director Steven Soderbergh, at the Latin American Film Festival at the Yara theater in Havana, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008.

HAVANA (AP)—Actor Benicio del Toro says protesters at the Miami screening of "Che" should have watched the film first.

Del Toro plays Argentine-born Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a hero of the Cuban revolution and global icon. He says the role was difficult and took a lot of time.

Cuban exiles protested the movie in Miami last week. Many opposed Guevara for executions of officials from Ful-

gencio Batista's government, which was toppled in 1959.

But del Toro says "a lot of the people protesting the movie hadn't seen it."

He spoke Saturday as about 1,500 people attended the screening of the movie by director Steven Soderbergh at a film festival in Havana.

The Puerto Rican actor won the Cannes Film Festival's best-actor prize for his performance.



AP

In this Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007 file photo, actress Alyssa Milano is pictured in Phoenix. Milano has asked for a court's protection from a man she says hiked miles to try to reach her home and has repeatedly tried to meet her.

Brit actor Vinnie Jones arrested in SD bar fight

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)—Hollywood actor and former British soccer player Vinnie Jones was arrested after a bar fight in downtown Sioux Falls, authorities said.

His movie credits include "Snatch," "Gone in Sixty Seconds," "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," and "X-Men: The Last Stand" as the character Juggernaut.

Police said Jones, 43, got into a scuffle late Thursday at Wiley's Tavern and suffered cuts on his face from a beer glass. A police sergeant said Jones apparently charged at Jesse Bickett of Montrose, who hit Jones with the glass.

One of Bickett's roommates, Juan Barrera, said they were playing pool when Jones asked to join, then got offended when one of them asked if he was "that guy from X-Men." Barrera said he was punched by the actor, who is mostly known for his



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In this Sunday, July 29, 2007, file photo, Vinnie Jones arrives at the premiere of "Stardust" in Los Angeles.

tough guy roles, and countered with one or two of his own.

"He got offended by that, and he started pushing my other friends around," Barrera said.

Bickett, 24, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault.

Authorities said Jones was treated at a hospital, then charged with simple assault and posted bail Friday morning.

It's a boy for Jonny Lee Miller and Michele Hicks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The wife of "Eli Stone" actor Jonny Lee Miller has given birth to a baby boy.

A publicist for Miller says actress and model Michele Hicks gave birth Wednesday to Buster Timothy Miller in Los Angeles.

Publicist Ina Treciakos says the baby boy weighed 9 pounds and is the couple's first child.

They married in Malibu this July.

Miller was previously married to actress Angelina Jolie.

He stars as the title character in the comedy-drama "Eli



AP

Actor Johnny Lee Miller and Michele Hicks poses on the press line at the Elton John Oscar Party in West Hollywood, Calif. on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008.

Stone" on ABC. Hicks has appeared in "The Shield."

Amorous salesman delivers pitch uncomfortably close

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: Once a month, a trade representative I'll call "Bob" visits our office and flirts with me. I try to keep him at a distance, but he always tries to move close to me and changes his voice to be soft and seductive. Last month he told me I "smelled good," although I wasn't wearing anything fragrant. I assured him it was the eucalyptus incense behind him.

Abby, Bob comes on so strong it scares me. I

had my chair backed up all the way against my computer desk. I decided that the next time he came in I would make sure I had a co-worker close by. But when I did, he didn't act the same way. I have a feeling he won't act up again until we're alone.

I loathe the idea of being alone with him in a room. I hesitate to ask a male co-worker to step in because I don't want to appear weak. What should I do to get Bob to back off?

HAD IT IN BEAUFORT, S.C.

DEAR HAD IT: If you haven't already done so, document what has gone on each time Bob has come into your office. Frankly, he sounds more than a little bit creepy.

When he comes on to you again, tell him directly and clearly (and loudly) that he is making you uncomfortable, and if he doesn't stop immediately, you will report him to your boss. And if he tries anything again, follow through.

It is your boss's responsibility to provide you with a harassment-free work environment, and if that doesn't happen, your state labor board or the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should be notified.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my longtime friends, "Lena," sends e-mail constantly telling me to "check out the baby Web page." She's a grandmother and I can't seem to engage her in any other topic of conversation anymore. There is rarely any news from her except baby news.

I no longer open her e-mails because I know they will be only one more mass generic urging to check the latest baby update on the Web site. Lena is now on grandchild No. 2, so this has been going on for three years.

I'm ready to drift away from our friendship because we no longer communicate and I feel she's stuck in "babyland." Any advice?

OVERLOADED IN GEORGIA

DEAR OVERLOADED: Level with Lena. Ask her to remove you from her mass e-mail list and to e-mail you only if she has a personal message to convey. When you talk with her, ask about common interests that have nothing to do with her grandchild, although you should expect to listen to some news about her major preoccupation.

If this is still more than you can tolerate, remember that friendships can have a life of their own and vary in intensity over time. You may become closer again a few years down the line when she's less preoccupied with the little ones. Because you have a circle of friends, concentrate more on them and less on Lena for now.

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DEAR ABBY: For years I have seen you print letters at holiday time that offer gift suggestions for seniors.

Last year my daughter gave me the best gift I could have gotten. She and my granddaughters completely unpacked my boxes of Christmas decorations and decorated my whole house. They even cleaned up!

I am 76, and when I walked in, I felt like I was living in a fairy tale. All I had to do was sit down and enjoy it.

GENE IN NEW CUMBERLAND, PA.

DEAR GENE: Thank you for sharing the idea. I am often asked for gift ideas for the person who already has everything. By giving a "gift of self," as your daughter and granddaughters did, a person can never go wrong because it is always welcome.

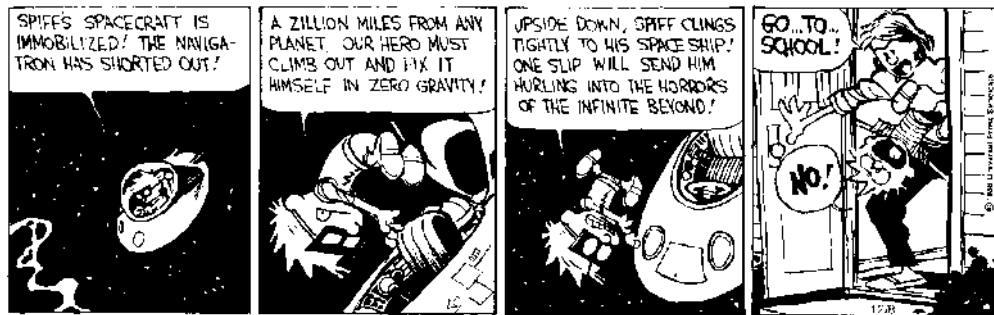
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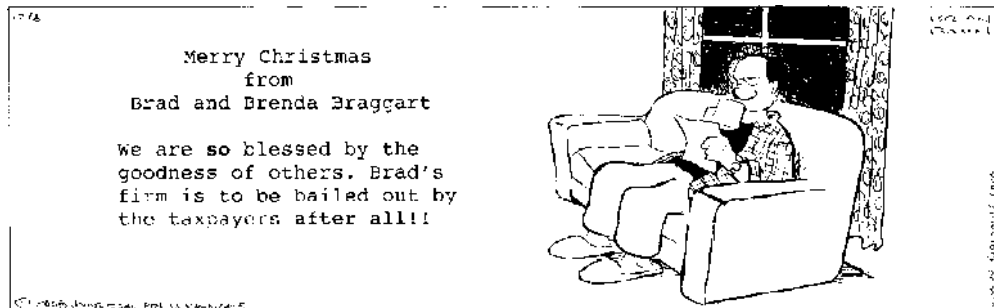
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stop waiting to see what everyone else is going to do when you are the one with the ideas and wherewithal to make things happen. It's your own reluctance that will hold you back when you should be making changes to support your latest goals. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be fooled by someone who just wants something from you. It's important to do things for the right reason so you don't have any regrets. An opportunity is available that can stabilize your professional position. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Turn everything you do into an event. Include all your favorite people to join you in whatever you do. It's the teamwork that will put you in a leadership position and help you control the situation around you. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid anyone trying to convince you to donate your time or cash to a cause you really can't afford to support. Changes regarding an older family member may leave you with added

responsibilities. Deal with what needs to be done and move on. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan a little get together that will reunite old friends. It's time to enjoy some of the end-of-year festivities and to make a decision that will have an effect on your personal life. Don't spend impulsively. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Decide if you are in the right spot geographically. There is something to be said about moving to a location that is closer to work or can bring you greater opportunities for professional or educational pursuits. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be passionate about everything you do but this can lead to emotional upset and disruptions with friends, peers or neighbors. Try to focus on love and spending time with someone special. Keep things in perspective. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't waste your time trying to convince others to follow your beliefs. You stand a better chance of getting your way by moving forward alone and seeing who joins in. A service you have to offer can be launched with success. Don't let anyone's negativity lead you into rethinking your strategy. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make some alterations at home that will please others. Be careful, however, not to disrupt someone else's plans. Opposition can cause delays if you haven't gotten approval. Love should be one of your focuses for future plans. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be

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fooled by what others tell you. You can offer help but not at the expense of losing out somewhere else. Put your own plans first. Don't let someone's anger about your choices stand in your way. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you can pick up part time work or volunteer for something that might lead to fulltime work, jump at the chance. Don't let an emotional issue stand in the way of an important decision that will influence your future and your earning potential. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't count on anything or anyone and you won't be disappointed. If you put everything you've got into something you believe in, you will make some forward motion. A questionable partnership must be reviewed. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Last Saturday's Answer: Hustler

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-0113D)
FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 16, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Estate of Esteban Rasiang Nogis in and to the following property: Tract No. 22703-3, containing an area of 1,484 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, December 19, 2008, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION)
Plaintiff,)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-486)

vs.)
VICENTE C. AYUYU,)
Defendant.)
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, fka)
MARIANAS BANK)
Plaintiff,)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1054)

vs.)
JUAN R. SABLAN and)
ANGELINE F. SABLAN,)
Defendant.)
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Wade carries Heat past Thunder, 105-99



MIAMI (AP)—NBA scoring leader Dwyane Wade scored 25 of his 38 points in the first half and the Miami Heat won their third straight, beating the reeling Oklahoma City Thunder 105-99 on Saturday night.

Udonis Haslem finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds for Miami, which wasted a 15-point lead in the first 6 minutes of the final quarter. Shawn Marion added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Heat (11-9), who also got 15 points from Mario Chalmers.

It's the first three-game winning streak for Miami since April 2007, ending the second-longest drought in the NBA. Minnesota last won three straight in January 2007.

Russell Westbrook scored 30 points for Oklahoma City (2-19), which matched the fifth-worst 21-game start in league history. Four teams, most recently the 1993-94 Dallas Mavericks, opened 1-20.

That doesn't mean the Thunder were pushovers in this one.

Down by 15 entering the fourth, Oklahoma City opened the final period with a 20-5 run over the first 5:57, getting nine points from Durant over that spurt and pulling into a 90-all tie. But the Thunder never managed to take the lead, and Miami escaped.

Jeff Green scored 21 points for the Thunder. Kevin Durant added 18, and Nick Collison had 14. Earl Watson had a game-high 12 assists for Oklahoma City.

Wade, who also had seven assists and five rebounds, started quickly, getting 11 points in a span of 3:03 in the first quarter, helping the Heat score a season-best 36 points in the period and open a nine-point lead.

Miami saw the margin swell to 12 midway through the second quarter and then to 15 when Wade soared past Desmond Mason and Collison for what became a three-point play with 2.8 seconds remaining in the third, as cries of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" rained down from



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) shoots as Oklahoma City Thunder forward Jeff Green, right, defends in the first quarter during an NBA basketball game in Miami, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008.

the stands.

It only seemed to inspire the Thunder.

With Durant and Collison leading the way, Oklahoma City—which has gotten both of its wins this season on the second game of back-to-back contests—had more than enough to make things far more interesting than the

Heat wanted.

But when Wade came off the bench, order was restored.

He found Chalmers for a 3-pointer, then hit Marion for another score, and then hit a short fadeaway to give Miami some breathing room in the form of a 97-91 lead with 3:27 remaining.

Wade entered the night averaging an NBA-best 28.4 points, and exceeded that by the midpoint of the third quarter—adding to his margin over Cleveland's LeBron James in the league scoring race.

Wade is now averaging 28.9 points; James, who scored 25 points in Cleveland's easy win at Charlotte, is at 26.5 per game.

Cavaliers 94, Bobcats 74

At Charlotte, LeBron James scored 25 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Charlotte Bobcats.

Daniel Gibson added 22 points for Cleveland. The Cavaliers are off to a franchise-best 17-3 start, going 16-1 after a 1-2 start.

D.J. Augustin scored 17 points, and Raymond Felton had 15 for the Bobcats.

Nets 95, 76ers 84

At Philadelphia, Devin Harris scored 27 points, and Vince Carter added 14 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for New Jersey.

The Nets have won five of six games and four straight on the road.

Andre Iguodala led Philadelphia with 20 points, and Andre Miller had 16.

Hornets 106, Grizzlies 87

At New Orleans, Chris Paul had 21 points and 11 assists as New Orleans made 11 3-pointers en route to its sixth victory in seven games.

Peja Stojakovic hit five 3-pointers and finished with 20 points.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 21 points. O.J. Mayo scored 18 points, giving him double figures in points in his first 20 NBA games—the longest streak since Larry Bird hit double-digits in his first 20 games with Boston in 1979.

Clippers 107, Timberwolves 84

At Minneapolis, Baron Davis had 27 points and nine assists, and Zach Randolph scored 21 points to help Los Angeles improve to 4-16.

Al Jefferson had 28 points and eight rebounds for Minnesota.

Mavericks 100, Hawks 98

At Dallas, Jose Barea scored 16 of his season-high 22 points in the third quarter, and Dirk Nowitzki had 24 points to help Dallas improve to 9-1 in its last 10 games.

Joe Johnson had 32 points for Atlanta.

Spurs 123, Warriors 88

At San Antonio, Tim Duncan, sporting a new look with his head shaved clean, had 20 points and 13 rebounds in 21 minutes for San Antonio.

Michael Finley and Tony Parker added 17 points each for the Spurs.

Golden State has lost nine straight, the longest current streak in the NBA.

Bulls 117, Wizards 110

At Chicago, Luol Deng scored a season-high 26 points, and former Washington player Larry Hughes added 24 points for Chicago.

Caron Butler had 27 points, six assists and eight rebounds for Washington. The Wizards dropped to 3-15 for the first time since 1966, when they were known as the Baltimore Bullets.

Nuggets 118, Kings 85

At Sacramento, Chauncey Billups scored 24 points to help Denver hand Sacramento its eighth straight loss.

The Nuggets are 13-4 since Billups joined the team in the trade that sent Allen Iverson to Detroit. John Salmons scored 22 points for Golden State.

Suns 106, Jazz 104

At Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire had 22 points and 20 rebounds and Leandro Barbosa scored 25 points as Phoenix ended a four-game losing streak.

Shaquille O'Neal, who was in foul trouble throughout the second half, had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix. Paul Millsap and C.J. Miles led Utah with 20 points each.

Maddux to announce retirement after 355 wins

By **BEN WALKER**
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Greg Maddux has thrown his last pitch. The four-time Cy Young winner will announce his retirement Monday at the baseball winter meetings, near his home in Las Vegas. Maddux, who turns 43 in April, ranks eighth on the career wins list with 355. He went 8-13 with a 4.22 ERA last season with the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Maddux made three relief appearances in the playoffs for the Dodgers this year—he had an 0.00 ERA over four innings—and then filed for free agency amid speculation he would retire.

On Friday, confirmation came from the office of Maddux's agent, Scott Boras. Maddux, his family and Boras will hold a news conference at the hotel where the meetings are being held to announce one of baseball's greatest pitchers is finished.

Last month, Dodgers general man-

ager Ned Colletti left open the possibility that Maddux would return for a 24th season in the majors.

"I told Scott we'd love to have him back, and we're not going to be closing the door on Greg Maddux anytime soon," Colletti said at the time. "I've known him for a long, long time. I respect who he is and admire him for what he's done. I know the impact he has on a club and on a franchise."

Maddux finished one win ahead of Roger Clemens on the career victory list. Overall, "Mad Dog" was 355-227 with a 3.16 ERA, and is considered a certain first-ballot Hall of Famer when he becomes eligible after five years.

Noted for impeccable control, Maddux won Cy Young Awards from 1992-95 and earned a record 18 Gold Gloves while with the Chicago Cubs, Atlanta, Dodgers and Padres.

Maddux was an eight-time All-Star and won at least 13 games in 20 straight seasons, a streak that ended this year.

The last-place Padres traded Mad-

dux to the Dodgers on Aug. 19 for two minor leaguers to be named or cash, and went 2-4 in seven starts for Los Angeles. His last start for the NL West champions was a gem—he beat San Francisco, giving up one run and two hits in six innings.

"He's remarkable," Dodgers man-

ager Joe Torre said after the 2-1 victory. "I've watched and admired him from across the field. Tonight was, you could say, vintage."

Said Maddux following the win: "In all honesty, I have felt this game has given me more than I ever thought it would in the first place. I just wanted to



This Sept. 27, 2008 file photo shows Los Angeles Dodgers' Greg Maddux pitching to the San Francisco Giants in the first inning of a baseball game in San Francisco.

have a good game. I haven't had many since I got here."

While Maddux finished on the West Coast, he will always be associated with top teams in Atlanta. Along with fellow 300-game winner Tom Glavine and John Smoltz, Maddux helped the Braves win division titles for more than a decade, and they won their lone World Series championship there in 1995.

Glavine and Smoltz are both in their 40s and coming off arm operations, and their futures are in doubt. Long-time teammates on the field and golfing buddies away from the field, there has long been talk that Atlanta's Big Three might someday be reunited—with election to the Hall on the very same day.

Maddux made his major league debut in September 1986 with the Cubs. As a pinch-runner, in fact. He wound up losing that game in relief.

His brother, Mike, started his big league career three months earlier as a pitcher for Philadelphia. He recently was hired as Texas' pitching coach.

Gators chomp past Bama for SEC title; eye BCS bid



ATLANTA (AP)—Tim Tebow rallied No. 2 Florida with his arm, legs and sheer will past

No. 1 Alabama 31-20 in the Southeastern Conference final on Saturday and likely into the national college football title game with Oklahoma.

Tebow threw three touchdown passes, including the clinching score with under three minutes remaining. He was 14 of 22 passing for 216 yards, led the team in rushing with 57 yards, and was picked as the game's MVP.

The Gators trailed 20-17 in the fourth quarter before last year's Heisman Trophy winner led the comeback against the previously unbeaten Crimson Tide.

Florida began the day ranked fourth in the Bowl Championship Series standings. The Gators won the national title two seasons ago in Tebow's first year, and this impressive win surely will be enough to move them into one of the top two spots with Oklahoma, which easily won the Big 12 championship against Missouri 62-21.

Alabama will probably have to settle for a spot in the Sugar Bowl, ruining its hopes of a seventh national championship in school history.

No. 4 Oklahoma 62, No. 19 Missouri 21

At Kansas City, Missouri, Sam Bradford and Oklahoma showed they belong in the BCS championship game with their straight Big 12 conference crown.

The highest-scoring team in major college football history became the first to reach 60 points in five consecutive games.

If all goes accordingly on Sunday, Oklahoma will be in the top two of the BCS standings, looking at a title game matchup against No. 2 Florida on Jan. 8 in Miami.

Touted as the best two conferences in college football this season, it seems



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow (15) gets the crowd excited near the end of a 31-20 win over top ranked Alabama in the NCAA college football Southeastern Conference Championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008.

appropriate their champions will play for the national title.

For Oklahoma and coach Bob Stoops, it'll be their fourth appearance in a BCS national championship game. The Sooners won their first try in 2001 against Florida State, but have lost their last two—to LSU after the 2003 season and to Southern California after the 2004 campaign.

The Big 12 final was over by half-

time. By then Bradford had already put up Heisman-worthy numbers, with 240 yards and two touchdown passes, and the Sooners led 38-7. Along the way they zoomed past Hawaii's NCAA record 656 points set in 2006.

No. 5 USC 28, UCLA 7

At Pasadena, California, Mark Sanchez passed for 269 yards and two touchdowns, Southern California stuffed

UCLA at every turn and the fifth-ranked Trojans beat their crosstown rivals for the ninth time in 10 games.

The win assured USC of an unprecedented seventh consecutive BCS bid, seven straight 11-win seasons and seven Pac-10 championships in a row. They'll also make a fourth straight appearance in the Rose Bowl game, where they will meet No. 6 Penn State on New Year's Day.

The 33-point underdog Bruins took a 7-0 lead in the opening four minutes, but made it past midfield only once after that.

Sanchez completed 18 of 33 passes with one interception, and Joe McKnight gained 99 yards on 15 carries for the Trojans.

Virginia Tech 30, No. 18 Boston College 12

At Tampa, Florida, Tyrod Taylor scored two first-half touchdowns and Darren Evans ran for 114 yards and one touchdown in less than half-full Raymond James Stadium, helping Virginia Tech become the first two-time winner of the ACC championship game by beating Boston College.

The Hokies, who have won three titles since leaving the Big East for the ACC in 2004, also beat the Eagles for last year's crown and earned their second consecutive trip to the Orange Bowl.

No. 23 Pittsburgh 34, Connecticut 10

At East Hartford, Connecticut, Bill Stull threw for two touchdowns and LeSean McCoy ran for another to help Pittsburgh beat Connecticut, giving the Panthers their first nine-win regular season since 1982 and a bid to the Sun Bowl.

Navy 34, Army 0

At Philadelphia, with President George W. Bush in attendance, Shun White ran for 148 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead bowl-bound Navy over Army for its seventh straight win in the 118-year-old storied rivalry between the service academies. Navy has won 13 straight times against Air Force and Army since 2002, outscoring the programs 441-205 during the streak. The Commander-in-Chief's Trophy remains docked with Navy.

Lions' Marinelli finally addresses 0-16 cloud

By **LARRY LAGE**
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DETROIT (AP)—Rod Marinelli repeatedly insisted the thought of making NFL history as the first 0-16 hadn't entered his mind.

Marinelli said he didn't want his players thinking about it, either.

That changed this week.

The Detroit Lions coach addressed the topic with his team for the first time at a meeting after a long break following a 37-point loss to Tennessee on Thanksgiving.

Marinelli refused to talk about it with reporters, but his players did.

"He said, 'We're not going 0-16,'" running back Aveion Cason recalled Marinelli saying. "Nobody wants to be a part of NFL history."

At least not that kind.

The Lions (0-12) seem to be marching toward a dubious distinction, getting routed in their last four games after being competitive in the previous four, with games remaining against Minnesota and New Orleans at home, Indianapolis and Green Bay on the road.

In fact, Las Vegas oddsmakers are gambling that Detroit will finish the season winless.

If you think the Lions are going to make history, you'll have to bet \$160

or \$180 to make \$100, according to the Glantz-Culver line and Las Vegas Sports Consultants, respectively.

Rookie running back Kevin Smith insisted he's not worried about the possibility of surpassing the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who went 0-14 in an expansion season, as the worst team in NFL history.

"If I cared about what everybody thought about the Lions in the world, I'd be worried about a lot of people," Smith said. "Who cares?"

Some think the Lions' best and perhaps only shot to win a game will be Sunday at home against the NFC-North leading Vikings.

"I suppose that reflects on us," Minnesota coach Brad Childress said. "But everybody is entitled to their opinion."

Perhaps those who are predicting Detroit, a heavy underdog in Las Vegas, will win its next game haven't been paying attention to what Minnesota (7-5) has been doing lately.

The Vikings won their past two games against Chicago and at Jacksonville by a combined 64-26 and have victories in four of their last five games. Adrian Peterson has run for an NFL-high 1,311 yards, quarterback Gus Frerotte is 7-3 as starter since replacing Tarvaris Jackson, and the Vikings haven't given up 20 points in nearly a month.

Minnesota's defense nearly had a

setback off the field when the NFL suspended run-stuffing linemen Pat Williams and Kevin Williams for testing positive in training camp for a banned diuretic that can be used to mask steroids.

The NFL Players Association filed a lawsuit Thursday to block the suspension for both players, along with three of the other four involved. A federal judge temporarily stopped the suspensions while he reviewed the case.

"That's the media's job to stir that stuff up," Minnesota defensive end Jared Allen said. "It's our job to discard it and go out and play football."

The Lions played their best football—in terms of the final score—on Oct. 12 at Minnesota, when they lost 12-10 after a disputed penalty set up the winning field goal. The game was made memorable because their quarterback, Dan Orlovsky, obviously ran out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

"It can be scary because you know they're going to come out fighting," Minnesota safety Darren Sharper said. "We have to make sure we come out fast and answer their intensity at the start."

"If we do that, we'll be fine."

The last time the Vikings played Detroit when it was 0-12, they lost.

The Lions finally won a game in 2001 when Minnesota came to town, setting off a wild celebration.

"It felt like winning the Super Bowl," running back Aveion Cason said.

Daunte Culpepper was an injured Viking in that game and now he's starting for the Lions. He's hoping to play an entire game for just the second time in five chances with the third team that has given him an opportunity to find the form he had as a Pro Bowl quarterback in Minnesota.

"It's always good to play your old

team, but we're just trying to win a game right now against anybody," Culpepper said.

While everybody has been talking about the Lions possibly going 0-16, offensive tackle Jeff Backus is glad his coach addressed it with the players for the first time.

"Everybody knows we're in this situation and nobody has gone 0-16 and we only have so many games left to get a win," Backus said. "Why not present it to the team and let teams know where we stand?"

Cowboys' Barber doesn't make trip to Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Dallas Cowboys running back Marion Barber did not make the team's trip to Pittsburgh for Sunday's game against the Steelers, meaning rookie Tashard Choice will make his first NFL start.

Barber dislocated his right little toe in the first half against Seattle on Nov. 27 and did not practice all week. Choice, from Georgia Tech, replaced him against Seattle and rushed for a career-high 57 yards on 11 carries, giving him 147 yards on 30 carries this season.

Dallas (8-4) was already without backup running back Felix Jones due to a season-ending torn ligament in his left big toe—an injury that occurred while he was rehabilitating a left hamstring injury.

Losing the 225-pound Barber is a

major setback for the Cowboys, who may need to win at least three of their final four games to reach the playoffs. The Steelers (9-3) lead the NFL in rushing defense with 71.2 yards per game average, the lowest by any team since the 1970 NFL merger, and have not allowed an opposing back to gain even 80 yards.

Barber, who missed a 1,000-yard season by 25 yards last season, has 225 carries for 870 yards, seven touchdowns and a 3.9 per carry average. He was hoping to play by wearing a splint on the toe or a shoe insert, but did not progress as quickly as coach Wade Phillips hoped.

Phillips said as late as Thursday that Barber's status probably wouldn't be decided until game time.

Hustlers stun Voyagers in Budweiser Cup

A week after winning the Budweiser Open 8-Ball League, PTI Voyagers was caught off guard by deposed champion Krystal Docomo Hustlers in their head-to-head

match in the first week of the 2008 Budweiser Cup last Tuesday. Hustlers took four out of six games against their bitter rivals despite Voyagers drawing first

blood after Rolly Villanueva and Roman Rodriguez teamed up to defeat Erwin Gomez and Rowell Mariano in the first game. Hustlers' Jerry Soriano and

Senen Pangilinan tied the match shortly after as they got the better of Voyagers' R.J. Mascarinas and Luis Fajardo. Villanueva then staked Voy-

agers to a 2-1 lead following his win over Robert Sanciango, but his team's celebration proved short-lived as Hustlers went on to win the remaining three singles matches. Soriano got the ball rolling for Hustlers as he took out Roman Rodriguez. Mariano also gave Hustlers a win when he waylaid Mascarinas. Pangilinan then delivered the coupe de grace when he beat Fajardo for the 4-2 victory.

In other matches in the Agingan Division, Islander Rent A Car triumphed over USSP Wat-Ever, 4-1; and Godfather's Rock Steady swept Coral Reef

Shark Attack, 4-0. In the Obyan Division, Primo's Home Boys nearly skunked Krystal Perfect Spotters, 4-1; and D'Pirates Huwa won a 4-2 decision against USSP Fotten Palau. The SBA-Budweiser Cup continues tomorrow night with Hustlers taking on Islander Rent A Car at Round Two Bar and Grill in the Agingan Division. *(Mark Rabago)*

Monday 8-ball moves this week to Tuesday

USS Peleliu Club is holding its 8-ball tournament on Tuesday this week because of a private party on Monday. The Tuesday contest will have the same \$5 entry fee and 8pm starting time. It will return to its Monday

slot next week and a 9-ball tournament will be held on Tuesdays. Drinks will be available at happy hour prices all night. The 9-ball tilt has a \$10 entry fee and will be played by BCA rules. It will be single elimination with a "race to

three" (first player to win three games). Top players will be handicapped by having to win an additional game. USSP's 8-ball tournaments are double elimination. The Christmas 8-Ball Tournament is still scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 pm.

Prizes will be cash, trophies, wrapped gifts and raffle giveaways. The entry fee will be \$15, so there will be cash prizes of \$120, \$75, and \$45 for a 16-player field. For more information, please contact Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. *(USSP)*

PACMAN

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looked so inept that it could spell the end for boxing's richest and most marketable star. It was only the second time in De La Hoya's 16-year pro career that he was stopped in a fight, and it was made even more shocking because it came at the hands of a fighter who fought at just 129 pounds months earlier. At the age of 35 he seemed not only well beyond his prime, but unable to offer any answer to the punches that Pacquiao was landing almost at will. De La Hoya's left eye was closed shut as he sat on his stool after the eighth round and the ring doctor, referee and his cornermen discussed his condition. De La Hoya offered no complaints when his corner decided he had enough, getting up from

his stool and walking to the center of the ring to congratulate the victor. "You're still my idol," Pacquiao told him. "No, you're my idol," De La Hoya said. Two of the three ringside judges scored all eight rounds for Pacquiao, while a third gave De La Hoya only the first round. The Associated Press scored every round for the winner. De La Hoya was taken to a hospital for precautionary reasons after the fight. It was lopsided from the beginning, with Pacquiao landing punch after punch while De La Hoya chased after him, trying to catch him with a big punch. Pacquiao was winning big even before the seventh round, when he was pounding De La Hoya against the ropes in his corner and catching him with huge shots that knocked him across the ring.

De La Hoya remained upright, but with one eye closed and his reflexes seemingly gone there was no chance he was going to land the big punches he would have needed to turn the fight around. Ringside statistics showed Pacquiao landed 45 power punches in the seventh round to just four for De La Hoya. "He's just a great fighter," De La Hoya said. "I have nothing bad to say about him. He prepared like a true champion." Pacquiao (48-3-2, 36 knockouts) came up two weight classes to fight for his biggest purse ever, while De La Hoya dropped down to meet him at 147 pounds. Though De La Hoya (39-6) towered over Pacquiao and had a big reach advantage over him, Pacquiao had no trouble getting inside what few jabs De La Hoya threw to land his shots. Pacquiao was credited with

landing 224 of 585 punches to just 83 of 402 for De La Hoya. "We knew we had him after the first round," Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach said. "He had no legs, he was hesitant and he was shot." Roach trained De La Hoya in his last big fight a year ago and said De La Hoya simply couldn't throw punches when he needed in that fight. That was magnified even more against Pacquiao, who not only was as elusive as Floyd Mayweather Jr. but threw punches back that kept De La Hoya off pace. "Freddie, you're right," De La Hoya told the trainer after the fight. "I just don't have it anymore." If De La Hoya's career is over, it will be the end of a remarkable story that began when he won the Olympic gold medal in Barcelona in 1992 and went on to become the biggest box office attraction in the sport.

But while he sold tickets, De La Hoya hadn't won a big fight in six years, and there were whispers long before the fight that he had nothing left. "My heart still wants to fight, that's for sure," De La Hoya said. "But when your physical doesn't respond, what can you do? I have to be smart and make sure I think about my future plans." De La Hoya not only dropped down to fight for the first time at 147 pounds in seven years, but actually came into the ring unofficially weighing less than Pacquiao. Both fighters got on scales in their dressing rooms and De La Hoya was 147 while Pacquiao was 148 and a half. Pacquiao earned his biggest purse ever, a guaranteed \$11 million, while De La Hoya was expected to make at least twice that in a fight by the time all the pay-per-view revenues are totaled up.

DIAMOND

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former stepped on the 3-point line when he pulled for up a shot on the left corner of the court. Asked if he was confident he would make the shot despite missing several attempts in the regulation and in the first overtime, Ranola said he felt good when he released the shot. "I had a good line and a good look at the basket. It was one of those rare shots, which I did not feel pain in my elbow when I pulled up for a jumper," Ranola said. "I also did not feel the pressure, as I knew even if I miss the shot, the game will still be tied

and we have five more minutes to go for a win," he added. The game was tied last at 99-all after Talania's baseline drive, with 24 seconds left in the second overtime. MIGS quickly went for an inbound with Bonbon Cadagat receiving the ball and losing patience, as he elected to go for a fastbreak play, instead of slowing things down. Cadagat tried to be fancy, too, going for an alley-hoop play with Kae Bernardo. But the pass was too high it even hit the rim and past Bernardo's hands before going out of the baseline, with 21 second left in the second overtime. Darwin Barbo showed Cadagat how patience made the difference in the title game in the

ensuing play. Talania went for the inbound with the ball touching two Diamond players before it landed to Barbo. Barbo at first was looking to drive in the middle, but when he looked at the clock, it still read eight seconds. He moved back beyond the arc, drew the defense on him freeing Ranola from the corner. Barbo then threw the ball to Ranola, who pulled up for the long jumper, with four seconds remaining in the game. MIGS ran out of timeouts and White Capalad was forced to attempt desperation triple from the backcourt and missed ending MIGS' impressive showing in the league. The title match ended in a tie

in regulation with Elmer Esdrelon making the last basket in the fourth period, with 58 seconds left in the final canto. MIGS and Diamond exchanged misses in the remaining minute to send the game into overtime. After five extra minutes, the match was still tied, 91-all, after Ed Cosino made an undergoal stab, with six seconds left in the first overtime. MIGS committed an error when Capalad's inbound pass slipped past Bernardo's hands, as the latter was pressured by Talania, with three seconds remaining on the clock. MIGS played tough defense in the last three seconds tapping the ball out of Diamond players three times to send the game in

the second overtime. The title game was played for more than three hours, but it was all worth it, as spectators were treated to a classic finale, with neither team taking full control of the match battling each other neck-and-neck. In the consolation match, Century won over NRG, 103-88. **Diamond 101**—Esdrelon 28, D. Barbo 21, Guiab 14, Cosino 10, Ranola 9, Talania 9, Delos Reyes 2, Fernandez 2, Bicara 2. **Diamond 99**—Cadagat 33, Bernardo 22, Basila 14, Pantaleon 11, Lerio 9, Demapan 6, Capalad 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 19-18, 40-43, 60-all, 79-79, 91-91 (OT), 101-99 (2OT).

TORGESON

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gratulating him when Garcia crossed the finish line at PIC's south parking lot. Garcia timed in at 3:18:32, while Cho clocked in at 3:18:33. "Except for the tough climbs in Suicide Cliff, overall, it was a nice race. The weather was good. I guessed I had an advantage over Jazy and Cho because of my familiarity with the course," said Torgeson, who finished last year's race only about three minutes ahead of Guam's Fred Gray. Garcia did not join the inau-

gural Hell, while Cho despite his XTERRA Saipan experience was not that familiar with the course, as the latter also missed last year's race. Mieko Carey also failed to join the inaugural century race, but was the first female rider to reach the finish line this year timing in at 3:28:05. Carey entered the PIC loop along with her riding friends, whom she thanked for staying with her and encouraging her to keep pedaling. "Without them, it will be hard for me to complete the race. They were there saying, 'you can do it, we're getting there,'" said Carey, who defeated Guam's Chiyo Lombard (3:28:06) in the women's Open

road bike division. Carey's "support group" was composed of Nate Hawley, Dirk Sharer, Florian Braig, Tyce Mister, and Kieran Daly, who all finished the race under the 3:30:00 mark. Saturday's races were divided into road and mountain bike divisions in various age groups, and also had competitions in two-person and four-person relays. Federico Fernandez was the top finisher in the mountain bike with his time of 3:54:17, while Russ Quinn (4:11:45) came in second. Mamiko Berger won the women's mountain bike individual race with a time of 4:35:00, outracing Heather Kennedy (4:51:20).

Other top individual finishers were 16 to 25 age group's Matthew Mancao (3:55:45), 26 to 35's Albert Carbino (4:38:39), 36 to 45's Nate Hawley (3:28:94), and Ben Ferguson (3:20:03). Eight teams competed in relay races. Yoshi Gabaldon and Bruce Berline of Stupidly Knows No Bounds timed in at 4:03:40 in the two-person mountain bike race, while Can't Make Decision's Jack Kabiriel (Road) and Chris Flying (Mountain) clocked in at 4:13:16. Team Manatee's Steve Nutting, James Barry, John Jones, and Jim Arenovski finished the four-person road race in 4:21:49, while Young Guys' Bradley Brostrom, R.J.

and Lucas Knecht, and Andy Nutting clocked in 4:45:29 in the same division. Guaranteed to Win's Kanae Quinn and Tina Goodwin posted 4:22:05 in the women's two-person road bike, while Derek Chambers and Stephen Vance of An Officer and A Gentleman recorded 5:41:18. Threesome's Sean and Erika Frink and Rex Kosack joined the four-person mountain bike race with Kosack doing 50km of the 100-km race. The trio clocked 4:22:32. Pushing Up Daisies' Sarah Brostrom, Betty Johnson, Sue Knecht, and Kathryn Barry made the cut off time when they finished the mountain bike four-person race in 5:43:31.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
NBA STANDINGS				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	2	.905	—
New Jersey	11	8	.579	7
Toronto	8	10	.444	9 1/2
Philadelphia	9	12	.429	10
New York	8	11	.421	10
Southeast Division				
Orlando	15	5	.750	—
Atlanta	12	7	.632	2 1/2
Miami	11	9	.550	4
Charlotte	7	13	.350	8
Washington	3	15	.167	11
Central Division				
Cleveland	17	3	.850	—
Detroit	11	7	.611	5
Chicago	9	11	.450	8
Milwaukee	9	12	.429	8 1/2
Indiana	7	12	.368	9 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	13	7	.650	—
New Orleans	11	6	.647	1/2
Dallas	11	8	.579	1 1/2
San Antonio	11	8	.579	1 1/2
Memphis	5	15	.250	8
Northwest Division				
Denver	14	7	.667	—
Portland	14	7	.667	—
Utah	13	9	.591	1 1/2
Minnesota	4	15	.211	9
Oklahoma City	2	19	.095	12
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	16	2	.889	—
Phoenix	12	9	.571	5 1/2
Golden State	5	15	.250	12
Sacramento	5	16	.238	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	16	.200	13
Yesterday's Games				
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New Jersey 95, Philadelphia 84				
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Freedom Air	5	0		
Joeten Motors	5	1		
CPA	3	0		
Legislature	4	1		
Beach Boys	4	1		
No Zone	4	2		
DLNR	4	2		
Saipan Cell	3	3		
Law & Order	2	3		
POI	2	2		
DEQ/CRM	2	3		
P & S	2	3		
PIC	1	3		
PSS	2	4		
CHC	1	4		
CUC	1	5		
Customs	0	2		
Hopwood	0	6		
Mayors	0	6		
Women's Division				
NMC	4	0		
DCCA	3	1		
Finance	2	3		
CHC	1	3		
CUC	1	4		

The Week in Sports

Keglers, clouters, and netters top headlines



Participants and organizers of the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Youth Slowpitch Softball Tournament pose for a group photo at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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Three softball youth teams and CNMI athletes competing in off-island tournaments were the past's week top performers.

Brabu, Dandan Elementary School, and the Patriots topped the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Youth Slowpitch Softball Tournament held at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Brabu recorded a 9-5 win over the North All-Stars in the finals to gain the 16 to 18 age group crown in the annual youth tournament.

The Dandan Elementary School Tottots claimed back-to-back titles after shutting out Team Familia, 8-0, in the finals of the 9 to 12 age group.

The Pats, who dominated the Majors of the Saipan Little League in the past three years, fielded the core of their SLLB team in the weekend tournament to beat Kagman, 5-2, and claimed the title in the 13 to 15 age group.

Two sports sent their athletes off island to represent the CNMI in tough tournaments.

In bowling, Ador Dimaano, Percy Omechalang, Ross Zapanta, and Jorge Soledad participated in the 22nd Asian Inter City Tenpin Bowling Championships at the Macau Bowling Center.

Three CNMI youth netters left Saipan Wednesday morning for New Zealand to compete in three tournaments there.

Thea Minor, Christian Miller, and Rafael Jones, will be joining the Waikato Tournament, which will run from Dec. 7 to 13. From Waikato, they will travel to Poverty Bay, which will host a tournament from Dec. 14 to 17. Jones, Miller, and Minor will return to Auckland on Dec. 18 for

their third tournament, which will run from Dec. 18 to 22.

Back on local soil, the Smash Killers posted the first sweep in the 2nd Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament after shutting out D'Bombers, 6-0, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Smash Killers won the men's doubles AB and BB, women's doubles BB, and the mixed doubles CC, AB, and BC.

With the win, Smash Killers took the solo No. 1 spot with their 21-9 record after Day 5.

The second edition of the Traders badminton team tournament concluded Sunday, but results of the games were unavailable at press time. The Top 3 teams after the single-round robin tournament will receive trophies.

In other events, two basketball leagues held their playoffs.

Kagman High School nailed an 80-66 win over Marianas High School in the semifinals of the 2008-2009 Marianas Inter-scholastic Sports Organization Basketball League Thursday night at the MHS Gymnasium.

Kagman earned a return trip to the finals and will be facing the winner of the Saipan Southern High School-Mt. Carmel School match in the title game on Dec. 12. Southern defeated Kagman in last year's junior varsity finals, 115-102.

In the Inaugural 2008 PIL-COWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League, Diamond, MIGS, Century Insurance, and C&R Distributor/NRG made it to the Final Four.

Century, which won this year's pennant, was eventually ousted in the tournament after losing to MIGS. Diamond defeated NRG twice to advance to the finals and set a title match with MIGS.

Diamond eventually won the championship trophy behind Sonny Ranola's jumper.



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From left, Thea Minor, Rafael Jones, and Christian Miller pose for *Saipan Tribune* before boarding a plane bound for Guam Wednesday morning. The CNMI netters had a stop in Guam before heading to New Zealand to compete in three tournaments.



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A Kagman outfielder picks up a grounder during the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Youth Slowpitch Softball Tournament at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



NRG's Errol Pered hangs in the air for a layup, as he escapes Diamond defenders.

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The Saipan team to the 22nd Asian Inter City Tenpin Bowling Championships in Macau. From left, Ross Zapanta, Jorge Soledad, Percy Omechalang, and Ador Dimaano.



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MIGS' Kae Bernardo, center, is guarded by Diamond's Robert Tamondong, left, and Sonny Ranola during their game in the San Miguel caging at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.



Kagman's Juan Maratita goes for a layup during their semis match against MHS in the MISO caging at the MHS Gymnasium last week.

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Wade carries Heat past Thunder, 105-99

NBA scoring leader Dwyane Wade scored 25 of his 38 points in the first half and the Miami Heat won their third straight, beating the reeling Oklahoma City Thunder 105-99 on Saturday night.

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Pacman stops De La Hoya in 8th

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LAS VEGAS (AP)—Manny Pacquiao fought a lot bigger than he looked. Oscar De La Hoya simply looked old. Pacquiao dominated his bigger and more famous opponent from the opening bell Saturday night, giving De La Hoya a beating and closing his left eye before De La Hoya declined to come out of his corner after the eighth round.

The fight was so lopsided and De La Hoya
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WBC lightweight champion Manny Pacquiao connects with a right to the head of Oscar De La Hoya during the seventh round of their welterweight bout in Las Vegas, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008.

AP

Diamond beats MIGS in 2OT for title

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In a title game that seemed had no ending, it took a basket from a player who had been missing all night to finally wrap up the nerve-racking championship showdown between Diamond Auto Care and MIGS in the Inaugural 2008 PIL-

COWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League Saturday night at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.

Sonny Ranola canned a side jumper in the last four seconds of the second overtime to lift Diamond to a thrilling 101-99 title win over MIGS.

It was the lone basket that Ranola made since he nailed a layup in the 1:33 mark of the third period. Ranola, who is usually a prolific outside shooter, had a tough night at the office making no

more than one field goal in each quarter due to a nagging pain on his right elbow. He had a triple in the first and made a layup each in the second and third period.

But Ranola would not mind being scoreless in regulation, as long as he drilled the basket that mattered most. He would not even care if referee William Sewell ruled his game-winning jumper was only a two pointer, as the

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Members and coaches of Diamond Auto Care pose with organizers of the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League after Diamond won in the finals over MIGS Saturday at the CIC Centre Basketball Court in Garapan.

Torgeson breaks own record in 'Hell'

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Eli Torgeson survived the 2nd Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle in record-breaking fashion to rule the 100-kilometer race anew.

Torgeson's time of three hours, two minutes, 22.62 seconds in Saturday's race shattered his own mark of 3:20:33, which he posted during the inaugural century race last year.

It was a scintillating performance for Torgeson, who a few weeks before the race told *Saipan Tribune* he was expecting to face a tougher challenge in this year's event, as the event will have veteran riders from Guam and Korea.

Guam's Jazy Garcia and Ka-On Cho kept pace with Torgeson in the first 25km of the race. But the Commonwealth Health Center anesthesiologist stepped hard on the pedal in Kagman and began pulling away.

In the end, Torgeson finished the race more than 16 minutes ahead of his closest pursuer, and he had already chatted with friends who were con-

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Eli Torgeson cruises down Capital Hill during the 2nd Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Saturday.

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